

Milton School Committee Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2022
Via Zoom
7:00pm

Committee Present: Chair, Ada Rosmarin, Vice Chair, Dr. Elizabeth Carroll, Anna Varghese, Member Ross Denny, Betty White

Staff Present: Janet Sheehan, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Dr. Garth McKinney, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Human Resources

1. Call to order - 7:04pm

2. Approve December 7, 2022 Agenda
Updated

3. Superintendent's Update - Superintendent Sheehan

- a. Fall 2022 Data Presentation - [Presentation link](#) available on the MPS website.
 - i. Vy Vu, Director of Data and Analytics
 - ii. Karen McDavitt, Principal
 - iii. Curriculum Coordinators
 - Fall Lexia Rapid ELA
 - District ELA 3-8 Overview by Subgroups
 - IReady Math, Fall 2021-2022 vs Fall 2022-2023
 - District Math K-8 Overview by Subgroup Fall 2022
 - Action Steps ELA
 - Actions Steps Math
 - Actions Steps District
 - SEL Data Context
 - Intellispark/SEL Results Fall 2022
 - Action Steps SEL

The School Committee thanked Vy Vu, Principal McDavitt and Curriculum Coordinators for their thorough presentation.

b. District Updates

- Congratulations our Milton Football Team and Coach for qualifying for the State Championship game
- Visit from NEASC - visiting Milton High School next week
- Remind families on December 13, 2022 - Winter Concert (grade 6)
- December 13, 2022 - Virtual Public Form - Milton Public School Elementary Community for Safe Schools - LGBTQ+
- December 14, 2022 - 7th & 8th grade Concert
- December 15, 2022 - 8th Grade Information Night
- December 20, 2022 - Milton High School Cabaret
- December 20, 2022 - Hosting a Milton Public School Retiree Luncheon (MHS Library)
- Watch for more details for January events for Preschool and Kindergarten

4. Citizen Speak (Policy BEDH-15 Minutes)

Bonnie Bates - Pleasant Street

- Question focuses on ELA Curriculum
- Specific observation on the 8th grades schools
 - More than half did not meet expectations
 - Look at the curriculum starting in Kindergarten
 - Past curriculum has failed an extreme a number of students
 - Curriculums have been replaced
 - Refers to DESE website and curriculums
- School Committee needs to stay focused on the curriculum

Colleen McCarthy - Gulliver Street

- It appears we are more reactionary than proactive
- Our demand for teachers is exceeding our supplies
- Teachers are burnt out
- Can we forecast a little better so we don't run into these issues?

5. Chair's Report - Chair Rosmarin

a. Superintendent Search Update

- Superintendent Screening Committee has been busy at work
- Received 19 applications from strong candidates
- Pleased with the quality and caliber of the candidates
- Met and identified semi finalists and will be coming in to be interviewed
- Will return to School Committee with three finalists
- Moving along, great interest from a qualified group of applicants

6. Finance Subcommittee Report - Member White

a. Approval of Vendor Warrants

Member White made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #20 payable 12/01/22 in the amount of \$380,217.66.

Member White made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #21 payable 12/08/22 in the amount of \$447,679.33.

Second: Member Ross Denny

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-1

Dr. Miranda was absent during the vote.

b. FY24 Budget

Finance Subcommittee

- Has been busy, met with department heads, principals and administrators to discuss the priorities for this upcoming year
- SPED Budget - request had to be filled to meet the needs of the students

Dr. Glenn Pavlicek - Assistant Superintendent for Business

- [Budget Presentation Slides Shared:](#)
 - Shared Milton Public Schools Fiscal year 2024 Preliminary Departmental Budget Request
 - Cost to maintain Current Program
 - ARPA - Funded positions in FY23 requiring funding in FY24
 - Request Beyond Level Services
 - Increase Special Education Needs
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Request
 - Elementary School Request
 - Middle School Request
 - High School Request
 - System Wide Technology Request

The School Committee discussed the presentation and Dr. Pavlicek answered questions.

7. Health and Wellness Advisory Committee Report - Dr. Carroll

- November 18, 2022 - 1st Meeting
- Great attendance
- Few updates:
 - SEL Advisory Committee - 2 leaders per school
 - Milton Health Department - Ann Grossman - Community Social Worker - engaged with a collaborative relations Jennie Belliveau, Adjustment Counselor at the High School - can support student and family needs
 - Student Security - updates
 - Grant - to support language access to translation
 - Successful flu vaccination clinics through the town
 - Updates from Milton Coalition including student representatives
 - Shared Community Health Assessment underway
 - Great exhibits in town and events underway
 - Health Curriculum Pilot Update (Michigan Model)
 - Updating the Health and Wellness Policy - next year will look at the coaching level with DESE

8. Approval of Minutes

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve School Committee minutes dated November 16, 2022.

Second: Member White

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-2

Member Ross Denny was absent during the vote.

Dr. Miranda was absent during the vote.

9. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Updated

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to adjourn from the School Committee Meeting.

Second: Member White

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-2

Member Ross Denny was absent during the vote.

Dr. Miranda was absent during the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.