

Milton School Committee Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2023
Via Zoom
7:00pm

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

Staff Present: Dr. Garth McKinney, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business

1. Call to order - 7:00pm

2. Approve February 15, 2023 Agenda
Updated

3. Superintendent's Update - Superintendent McKinney

- a. Milton High School Program of Studies - Principal Karen Cahill - presentation available on the MPS website.

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Milton High School Program of Studies.

Second: Dr. Carroll

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Dr. Miranda

- Enjoyed the presentation, choices are exciting to hear
- Moving in the right direction

Chair Rosmarin

- Quite an amazing course offering
- Thanked the High School Team for putting this Program of Studies together

b. District Update - Superintendent McKinney

- Updated on the MHS lockdown
 - Police were immediately on scene with other departments and K-9 dogs
 - It was determined that this was a case of "Swatting"
 - Happening locally and nationally
 - Value our relationship with the police
- 118 Preschool Families have completed the registration forms
- 310 Kindergarten Families have completed the registration survey
- Glover and Tucker just finished their Read Aloud - Marathon
- Congratulations to the elementary students who completed the Future Problem Solving Bowl
- Reminder to check your school website for upcoming events

4. Citizen Speak (Policy BEDH-15 Minutes)

Colleen McCarthy - Gulliver Street

- Saddened by the MHS lockdown today
- Unnerving for parents
- Will there be an update sent to the younger children?
- Kids talk to each and through social media
- Will there be a plan to run group sessions to speak to our younger children?
- In future communications it would be helpful to have a plan for our students

5. Chair's Report - Chair Rosmarin

a. Discussion and vote of 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Chair Rosmarin

- Copy of the calendar has been sent to the School Committee to review

Dr. Carroll

- Had a conversation at the Policy Subcommittee regarding the holidays
- Had a discussion about Indigenous People's Day listed which was formerly Columbus Day
 - Surrounding School Districts label that holiday differently
 - Researched surrounding districts
 - Explored and discussed the topic
 - Engaged in civil discourse and positive conversations
 - Thanked those who were involved in the conversation
 - Our process should have been more transparent in the past when making changes
 - Discussed different ways about being inclusive with our school calendar
- Offer Culture Events at all schools
- We arrived at the decision to continue the conversation
- The calendar is edited throughout the year
- Agreed to continue the dialogue
- Working with Claire Galloway Jones
- Continue to learn about the history of both Indigenous People's Day and Columbus Day
- Will continue to seek community input about the school calendar
- Looking forward to keeping the conversation going

Member Varghese

- Thanked Dr. Carroll for offering the meeting and to discuss the dialogue
- We are learning and improving, trying to do our best
- Need the community input, we appreciate this and want to keep the open discussion with the community

Chair Rosmarin

- Thanked Dr. Carroll for facilitating the conversations
- Appreciate the direction we are going
- Make a commitment to dialogue, changes can happen during the school year with the calendar
- Better when we are all working together

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve the draft of the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar.

Second: Member Ross Denny

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Dr. Carroll

- Can we consider early dismissal instead of early release?

Chair Rosmarin

- Agreed and will make the update
 - b. Revised Milton School Committee Calendar
Discussed and updated dates

6. Policy Subcommittee Report - Dr. Carroll

- a. First Reading, Section D, Fiscal Policies

Dr. Pavlicek shared recommendations with the School Committee and the community.

- Next meeting will share a new red line version of the policies

Dr. Carroll

- Updated packet for the second reading will be provided at the next School Committee meeting
- Vote on March 1, 2023

7. Finance Subcommittee Report - Member White

- a. Community Schools – Fee Proposal

Member White

- Proposal shared in the School Committee Packet
- Changes to the vendors
- Propose Pilot Program
- 3% increase in fees
- Did not have a increase last year
- Difficulty attracting staff

Dr. Carroll

- Last year we received feedback and confusion from the community about when to enroll in the after school program
- Can we make an effort to do more outreach about the program?
- Provide more enrollment information
- Families missed opportunities last year and were waitlisted

Member White

- Agreed

Member White made a motion to approve the proposed FY24 Community Schools tuition.

Second: Member Varghese

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

- b. Approval of Vendor Warrants

Member White made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #30 payable in the amount of \$213,061.56 on 2/9/23.

Member White made a motion to approve Vendor Warrant #31 payable in the amount of \$505,731.12 on 2/16/23.

Second: Member Ross Denny
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

c. School Building Committee Expenditure

Member White made a motion to allow the previously approved expenditure of not to exceed \$18,500 on behalf of the School Building Committee to be used for engineering and design expenses on Gile Road as well as for the Fontbonne convent.

Second: Chair Rosmarin
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

8. Approval of Minutes - Chair Rosmarin

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 School Committee meeting.

Second: Dr. Miranda
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 School Committee meeting.

Second: Member Ross Denny
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

9. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Updated

Chair Rosmarin made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session not to return to Open Session in order to discuss:

- To conduct strategy session for negotiations, collective bargaining sessions, or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel
 - Martha Sandoval, Community Schools Director
- Approval of Minutes

Second: Member White
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.