

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High School Cable Access Studio
Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Committee Present: Dr. Kevin Donahue, Chair; Sheila Varela, Vice Chair, Margaret Eberhardt, Dr. Elaine Craghead, Ada Rosmarin and Betty White.

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent of Schools; Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources

Call to Order

The Chair called the November 15th meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:03pm.

Approve Agenda

The committee approved the agenda after the Chair switched Item 4a and 4b. Dr. Donahue also deleted Item 6a (FY19 Fee Proposal) and Item 8 (Transportation and Traffic Safety Report)

Citizens Speak: None.

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: 9th Grade One-to-One Device Initiative. Education Technology Director AJ Melanson, along with MHS Vice Principal Ben Kelly came to speak about his work on the Strategic Planning Committee. From that committee, they created a Technology Task Force. That group has been sorting through information about the 1:1 Initiative. They reviewed the merits of purchasing devices for students vs. allowing students to bring their own devices. To view the entire presentation, click here:

[https://www.miltonps.org/application/files/2015/1207/6070/SC_Chromebooks- Nov_15th.pdf](https://www.miltonps.org/application/files/2015/1207/6070/SC_Chromebooks-Nov_15th.pdf)
School Committee members discussed the 1:1 initiative. Ms. Varela commended the pair for the rollover to Parent Portals and the ability to access grades. She also liked the new website.

Topic Two: Collicot Site Council Report (Attachment) Collicot Principal Ms. Holly Concannon presented the report, along with Teachers Zeina Hamada and Ellen Lohan, Community Rep Margo Tansey, Parents Gretchen Duffy and Maureen Driscoll, and Vice Principal Amy Gale, Ms. Concannon began by outlining the preschool classrooms and the NECC classrooms and how they are integrated into the school. The site council discussed recent progress made in various areas, including their FOSS science kits, their partnership with Science from Scientists, etc. The group reviewed their goals: Improve Science; Improve Literacy; Support & Develop the Whole Child. Ms. Gale discussed the most recent MCAS results. Ms. Hamada went through the draft of School Improvement Goals for 2018-2021. To view the presentation, click here:

https://www.miltonps.org/application/files/6215/1207/6083/1718_Collicot_School_Site_Council_.pdf

Happenings: Ms. Gormley discussed the recent Veteran's Day events held in the Milton Public Schools.

Chairman's Report

Topic One: MPEG Update. Ms. Rosmarin talked about many of the programs on MPEG. Channel 22 is Educational Programming (including School Committee meetings) and previewed some of the upcoming offerings.

Topic Two: Inclusion Task Force Update. Ms. Eberhardt said the next meeting of the Inclusion Task Force will be held tomorrow. She can no longer chair the committee, as her work schedule has changed. She invited Ms. White to join the task force. Once the meeting dates are confirmed, it will be further discussed.

Topic Three: Memorandum of Agreement-Massachusetts Parental Leave Act (Attachment) Dr. Donahue noted that, during executive session, School Committee members voted to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the teacher's union. This will allow for a supplement to the collective bargaining agreement to afford non-birthing parents additional leeway in their time off. Seven of their sick leave days can be used for "time off" package. This will end at the end of the contract in August, 2019.

Finance Subcommittee:

Dr. Craghead gave a brief update on the work of the Finance Subcommittee, and outlined the proposed fee increases. They will meet on Monday the 20th. Voted to increase preschool tuitions. Increased chargebacks to Community Schools, will discuss at next meeting. The committee was not inclined to raise rental fee rates at this time.

Topic One: Approval of Vendor Warrants. Dr. Craghead moved to approve Vendor Warrant #20 dated Nov 16, 2017 in amount of \$529,988.04

Move: Dr. Craghead

Second: Dr. Donahue

Vote: 5-0-1 (Ms. White)

Facilities Subcommittee

Dr. Donahue said this committee discussed the capital requests and are waiting for info from Finance Subcommittee and Capital Improvement Planning Committee. They have also discussed upcoming space needs. He reviewed a report from NESDEC, which charts Milton's historical enrollment. Dr. Donahue said they expect "phenomenal growth" over the next 10 years. They are looking at future needs, including possibly renting space or building. The committee should look at costs involved with procuring temporary space. They have reviewed capital requests, as well. Ms. Rosmarin said looking at enrollment data reinforced that this is not a bubble. Growth will continue to increase and we need to plan for it. Ms. Varela said, the public should know that we

are aware of this and we are looking at potential solutions. She reminded her fellow members that we once housed students in the 1909 building.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of School Committee Retreat of July 26, 2017

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. White

Vote: 6-0-0

Minutes of School Committee Meeting of August 23, 2017

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. White

Vote: 6-0-0

Minutes of School Committee Meeting of September 6, 2017

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. White

Vote: 6-0-0

Minutes of School Committee Meeting of September 27, 2017

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Rosmarin

Vote: 6-0-0

Minutes of School Committee Meeting of October 4, 2017

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. White

Vote: 6-0-0

Minutes of School Committee Meeting of October 25, 2017

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. White

Vote: 6-0-0

Next Meeting Agenda Items

The next meeting will be first week in December. Diversity Report should be presented at this meeting. Ms. Gormley said the big data presentation should be sometime in December. Ms. Varela asked if the new Athletic Director, Mr. Madden, could come to talk about increased enrollment due to fee reduction. Also, Ms. Varela would like an explanation of Bay State Conference and D1 and D2 designations. Ms. Eberhardt asked if Policy is on the agenda for December. There is a policy which needs to be approved due to DOE timelines.

The Next School Committee meeting is scheduled for December 6th, 2017.

The chair moved to adjourn the meeting.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.