

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High School Cable Access Studio
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

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 March 7th meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:03pm.

Approve Agenda

The committee approved the agenda after adding Item 4c (Washington, DC Field Trip); and adding Item 5c (Spring School Committee discussion); and deleting Item 9a (Approval of Minutes)

Citizens Speak: None.

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Guests of the Superintendent. MHS Athletic Director Ryan Madden introduced the Patriot Ledger All Scholastic winners and members of the Girls Indoor Track team. Ms. Varela congratulated the athletes for their accomplishments and their leadership. Mr. Madden noted they hired the new girl's varsity soccer coach, Mr. Burke. For softball, Taylor Metz will be the new varsity coach. Ms. Gormley also congratulated the athletes.

Topic Two: Superintendent's Mid-Cycle Review. Ms. Gormley reviewed her goals. To view the presentation, click here:

https://www.miltonps.org/application/files/7315/2107/3524/Final_Superintendents_Goals_2016-2018.pdf

Ms. Gormley reviewed the time line for her goals review and explained each goal and how/if it has changed. These include District Improvement Goals, Professional Practice Goals, Student Learning Goals and Additional Goals. At the conclusion of her presentation, Dr. Donahue asked committee members to take time before the next meeting to go over the evidence and the review. He would like to break it between goals that have been accomplished and ongoing goals.

Ms. Gormley noted that there are 62 areas that need to be reviewed and this is a lengthy assignment. Dr. Donahue agreed and said that the next step is the final evaluation, at the end of next year. The goal of mid-cycle is to be sure we're all on the same page. Any revisions should be done now, rather than do it all in the fall. Dr. Donahue explained that the review of the

Superintendent is a two year process. This is the midpoint of that cycle. this midpoint is a little delayed because a lot of the goals are based on academic data that is, in and of itself, delayed.

Topic Three: Field Trip Approval. Dr. Pavlicek said the final form for the field trip is in the packet. This is very similar to previous trips to DC. Ms. Varela said this trip ceased for about 5 or 6 years. The middle school used to plan an annual trip to DC, but it ceased for a while. Last year, it was revived, which she is happy about. Dr. Craghead asked about fundraising for those students who cannot afford to go and was told that a good deal of money was raised through fundraising. Also, students had plenty of time to do their own fundraising for this trip. Dr. Donahue moved to approve the trip.

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. White

Discussion: Ms. Eberhardt said she is not happy that the field trip forms are not correct. There should be a standard form, which details exactly how many students? How many chaperones? Dr. Donahue suggested delaying the vote until the next meeting, when the proper paperwork is in order.

NO VOTE.

Happenings: Ms. Gormley thanked the custodians who worked during the recent snowstorms to keep the buildings safe and accessible. There will be a drama festival on March 10th. Last night, 260 parents attended Grade One Information Night. STEM night is coming up, as is Program of Studies Night. There are many concerts and art shows in the month of March. Finally, Tucker had a school-wide spelling bee.

Chairman's Report

Today is the final day for Blue Hills School Board nominations. Also, on March 21, the School Committee will host the Open Budget Hearing.

Topic Three: Spring School Committee discussions. For the past few years, we've done a sort of presentation to PTOs for various schools, which were heavily focused on budget and related topics. This year, we should have a similar conversation about our space needs. Dr. Craghead said this would be a great benefit to discuss this, especially for those parents who don't watch School Committee meetings.

Finance Subcommittee:

Dr. Craghead said that at the last meeting, the majority of time was spent on MSE pay for 2018. They voted to approve a 2% raise across the board, except for Red Shirt Workers, who did get a \$1 raise a year ago, so everyone else got 2% raise for hourly rate. However, this requires a vote of the full School Committee. Dr. Craghead moved to approve the new Summer School salary schedule.

Move: Dr. Craghead

Second: Dr. Donahue

Discussion: Ms. Varela asked, what are the stipend positions? Dr. Pavlicek explained what the stipended positions are for.

Vote: 6-0-0

Dr. Craghead moved approval of Warrant #36, dated 3/8/18 in the amount of \$447,605.82

Move: Dr. Craghead

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 6-0-0

Policy Subcommittee

Topic One: Ms. Eberhardt noted that Policy JICH needs to be amended with new language and with screening language, for all districts. The type in red font is from MASC indicating the grades when screening occurs, notification for parents to opt out. The results are reported to the Department of Public Health within 90 days and are "de-identified." The objective is to screen grades 7 and 9. First This is the first reading.

Strategic Planning Advisory Committee

Ms. Rosmarin said there is not a lot to report from this committee. They will come back in May or early April and will have final report on a newly developed strategic plan. Ms. Varela asked about task force assignments. Discussion ensued.

Citizen Speak Topic Response

Dr. Pavlicek said that a water bottle refilling station has been installed outside the CFH. The funds are from Sustainable Milton and a private grant. Also, Consolidated Facilities and MPS donated \$1,000 each. The total cost is \$5,500.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Ms. Eberhardt asked for more discussion of spring cycle review. Ms. Varela asked for dates of spring discussions before break. She thinks it would be fine if there were two of them. One meeting should be at the elementary level and one here at MHS. She thinks it would be good to have review of the year and our goals. People want to hear the specifics of the override, and we could speak about the success of that. Dr. Craghead asked, can we do this before mid-May? End of year events become quite regular, so it would be best the last week of March, first week of April? Dr. Donahue said they should revisit Topic 5c (from agenda) and discuss further.

Topic 5c (revisited) Spring School Committee Discussions.

Dr. Donahue said that having a brief presentation helps to structure the conversation. A 5 minute presentation; and 15 minutes of Q and A. Ms. Eberhardt asked, who will put this together. Dr.

Donahue said he thinks it should be the Superintendent's office.

Ms. Varela said she assumed it would be a late-Spring presentation, because we usually do a budget presentation every year. She envisions a brief, formal presentation regarding the stability of the budget, and a brief review of space issues.

Next Meeting Agenda Items (continued)

Dr. Craghead asked BRYT to come and give a presentation, and discuss the transitions room in Brookline. Tell us about that. Ms. Varela agrees that the speaker from BRYT would be good. Also would like a presentation from Task Force (exSEL) to see what is the plan? Ms. Eberhardt agreed she would like to hear from the BRYT presenter.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn

Move: Dr. Donahue

Second: Ms. Varela

Vote: 6-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.