

Millbury School Committee

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Date: September 14, 2016

Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes

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MILLBURY, MASS.

Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson; Mr. Plante, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Teixeira, Mr. Wilbur
Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Bedard, Business Manager
Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services
Mrs. Bennett, High School Principal
Mrs. Friedman, Shaw School
Mr. Hall, Elmwood Street School

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Millbury Junior/Senior High School Media Center

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of August 24, 2016 and Executive Session Minutes of July 13, 2016.

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of August 24, 2016. Mr. Plante made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Wilbur All in favor (5-0). Mrs. Nietupski noted any changes, additions or deletions to the Executive Session Minutes of July 13, 2016 will have to be made in Executive Session. Mr. Plante made the motion to approve and Mrs. Vigneau seconded the motion. All in favor (3-2-0)

2. Report of the Administration

Welcome and Introduction of Administrative and New Faculty. Mr. Myers asked to table the Welcome and Introduction of New Faculty until the Shaw new faculty members could arrive after the Shaw Open House.

Mr. Myers reported that a representative from the Massachusetts Building Authority had contacted him regarding the fact that the Shaw Elementary School had been selected to move on to phase 2 which consisted of the MSB sending engineers and architects to the Shaw School to visit and speak with Mrs. Friedman regarding the programmatic and curriculum implications the site causes. The MBA will then decide if the Shaw School should move on in the process or wait until next year to resubmit a letter.

Update on Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates. Mr. Myers stated that he would like to add July 10, 2017 to the Proposed School Committee Dates. Mrs. Nietupski ask for a motion to approve adding the July 10th date at 5:00pm at Central Office to the Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates. Mr. Plante made a motion and Mrs. Teixiera seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

Town Election Update – September 8, 2016

Mr. Myers was happy to inform the School Committee that the town election at the high school went exceptional well. It was a lighter than normal turnout with minimum interruption to the school day. Mr. Myers would like to thank Jayne Davolio for this new process.

Letter of New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

The NEASC committee will be coming to the high school for their accreditation visit on Sunday, October 21, 2018 through Wednesday, October 24, 2018. Mr. Myers stated that the committee usually likes to meet with the School Committee on Sundays.

Nicholas Lazzaro, Student Advisory Council Representative introduced Allison Drapeau, Secretary and Aradhana Bissoondial, Vice President of the Student Advisory Council. He stated that all the Student Council members are working hard and getting a fundraiser together for hopefully parents' night.

Retiring Staff End of FY17

Mr. Myers would like to update the school committee each fall of the upcoming teacher retirements at the end of the school year.

3. Budget

2017-2018 Budget Development Timeline

The Proposed School Committee Dates will reflect the Public Hearing change to February 15th. It will now be on March 8th as previously reported it does not give enough time for the warrants. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion to approve the timeline and Mr. Plante seconded the motion. All approved (5-0). A discussion took place regarding the budget timeline and concerns regarding working with an interim town manager. The new town manager anticipated time is January 1st.

Acceptance of Donation

The Millbury Public Schools received two donations from the Millbury Athletic Boosters' Club. The first donation is for new soccer goals at the Elmwood Street School approximate value \$3,000.00 and the second donation was for a new canopy tent for cross country and outdoor track, approximate value \$200.00. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to accept the two donations from the Millbury Athletic Boosters' Club. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Mrs. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

Electric Charging Station The town took acceptance and delivery of four electric cars. They are from the Green Community Grant. The each of the four cars will go to DPW, Town Manager, Building Inspector and Police Department. The School Department received exterior lighting for the Elmwood Street School. There are electric charging stations around town with one of them here at the high school.

The work has begun on the Elmwood Street School boilers. The work should be completed by October 15th.

4. Old Business

Proposed School Committee Goals

Mr. Myers recommended not to re-engage with the IBB Training but thought that during executive session negotiations with the SEIU it would be helpful to review IBB Training. He also stated that under the first goal there was a typo on the goal statement that the CBA expires on August 30th and it is actually on June 30, 2017 that it will expire. Mr. Myers stated that he left the timeline blank until someone

contacts us from the SEIU. Mr. Bedard stated that a representative from Boston will contact us. He stated that there are three groups: Custodial/Grounds, Secretary/Clerks, and the Cafeteria. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to accept the School Committee Goals and Mrs. Vigneau made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Myers commented on the number of goals. He stated that two of the goals are from last year and can be completed relatively easily and goal 4 has several action steps regarding school choice and considering setting class sizes and guidelines. Mr. Meyers will supply research to have informed discussions as this goal could have budget implications.

Mrs. Nietupski stated that at the last meeting Mrs. Vigneau asked if the School Committee was going to make a statement regarding Charter Schools. Last year Senator Moore asked the School Committee to send a letter in support of a Charter School cap and we did. Mrs. Nietupski felt that this was a statement from the School Committee regarding Charter Schools. Mrs. Vigneau thanked Mrs. Nietupski and stated that is fine.

A short break to meet and greet the new faculty members took place.

Welcome and Introduction of Administrative and New Faculty.

The meeting resumed at 7:55 pm. Mr. Bedard introduced Mr. Paul Halacy, Facilities Director. Ms. Ryan introduced Amanda Willis, Elementary Team Chair. Mrs. Bennett introduced Mr. Chris Lowe, Assistant Principal along with other new faculty members at the Millbury Junior/Senior High School. Mrs. Friedman introduced the new faculty members from the Shaw Elementary School and Mr. Hall introduced the new faculty members at the Elmwood Street School.

7. Future Topics/Events

8. Next Meeting: September 28th –Elmwood Street School 6:30/Tour –7:00 pm /Meeting
October 6, 2016 – Policy Subcommittee Mtg. @ Supt’s Conf. Room 5:00pm

9. Adjourn

At Mrs. Nietupski request a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

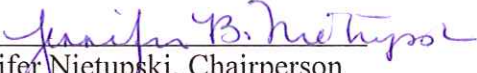
Respectfully submitted,


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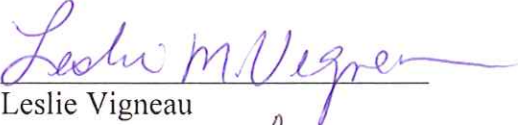
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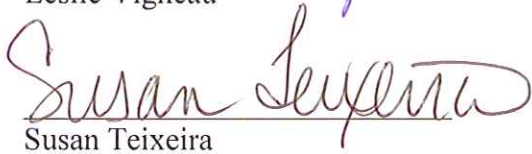
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved:


Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson


Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson


Leslie Vigneau


Susan Teixeira

Christopher Wilbur

Items in Packet:

Draft of Regular Session Minutes of August 24, 2015
Draft of Executive Session Minutes of July 13, 2016
2017-2018 Budget Development Timeline
Memo from R. Bedard Re: Acceptance of Donations
Memo from G. Myers Re: Retiring Update Staff
Memo from G. Myers Re: New Staff Bio's
School Committee Goals
Superintendent's Report
NEASC Letter
Picture of Electric Cars

Handouts at the Meeting

Updated Memo from G. Myers Re: New Staff Bio's
Memo from G. Myers Re: Shaw School
Updated Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates