

Millbury School Committee

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**Date:** May 9, 2018

**Meeting  
REGULAR SESSION  
Minutes**

**Present:** Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson, Mr. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Teixeira, Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Lagerholm, Nicholas Lazzaro, Student Representative,  
Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum, Mr. Bedard, Business Manager, and Mr. Myers,  
Superintendent of Schools

**Location:** Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School Media Center

**Time:** 7:00 pm

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Mrs. Nietupski opened the meeting at 7:05pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**School Choice Public Forum**

Mrs. Nieptuski opened the School Choice Public Forum.

Mr. Myers stated that the School Committee is required to vote regarding School Choice before June 1, 2018.

Mr. Myers stated that enrollment in Elmwood Street School's K-3 are at capacity. Mr. Myers stated enrollment in grades 4-8 are also at capacity. He stated that when students transition into high school the District typically loses approximately 19 students. Mr. Myers stated that the enrollment numbers have been declining over the past six years. He suggested the School Committee vote to open five to ten seats in grade 9 for the 2018-2019 school year as a School Choice Pilot Program. He stated that we may or may not get that many applications and due to the fact that when parents found out that they are responsible for the child's transportation they withdraw their application. Mr. Myers stated that applications will be on line and the deadline will be early summer. He stated that he would meet with every applicant and make sure that they have enough credits to be a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. He stated that students will be selected on a lottery bases. The district would receive \$5,000 per student. A discussion took place regarding districts that had School Choice but because of negative issues have decided to withdraw as a School Choice District. Mr. Myers stated that some of our neighbors have had great experiences and continue to be School Choice districts.

A discussion took place regarding the 32 students that opt out of Millbury Public Schools to attend school in other districts. Mr. Myers stated that the five year 1:1 Technology Plan has been on the School Committee Agenda since August. He stated that buying a few chrome books at a time, it is not conducive to learning. He stated that bringing in 10 students at \$5,000 per student would allow us to purchase enough Chrome books for an entire classroom.

Mr. Myers stated that students coming from abroad do not count as school choice students. He did refer to a program that some districts are adopting; where as parents who want their child to attend schools in the United States will pay schools directly for the cost of the education.

A discussion took place regarding if the Guidance Department would be able to make schedules for the additional School Choice students; as some students did not receive their schedules until six weeks after school started last year.

The School Committee will vote regarding becoming a School Choice District at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Mrs. Nietupski closed the School Choice Public Forum.

## **2. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of April 25, 2018.**

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of April 25, 2018. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (4-0-1).

### **1. Report of the Administration**

#### **a. SWCEC Quarterly Report**

Mr. Myers reported to the School Committee that Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative (SWCEC) has been supporting four of our students physically, emotionally, socially and academically because we cannot support these students. This is a cost effective way to service students. The report focused on the great things students are participating in at the Collaborative. Mr. Myers also stated that SWCEC is in great shape financially.

#### **b. AVC Quarterly Report**

Mr. Myers stated that Assabet Valley Education Collaborative has officially accepted Auburn Public Schools as a voting member of the Collaborative.

**Additional Item:** Mr. Bedard stated that because of the Collaborative and meetings with other business managers he visited the Auburn Middle School and that it is similar in design to the Shaw School with the Café and Gym being on one side and the classrooms on the other side.

### **4. Budget**

- a. Mr. Bedard stated that at Town Meeting it was voted to accept the FY2019 Budget with the additional chapter 70 funds which totals \$21,903,584. The approved budget for FY2019 is on the website.

### **5. Old Business**

#### **a. Master Plan Update**

Mrs. Vigneau stated that the Committee will be holding a public forum on June 5 at 7:00pm at the Senior Center. There will be door prizes, food, and child care will be available (please bring books, toys or other activities that will keep your child entertained). Mrs. Vigneau thanked everyone that filled out and returned the survey.

#### **b. Shaw Project Update**

Mr. Myers gave an overview of the timeline and the completion of three items. He also stated that on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm there will be an informational meeting and site visit for prospective vendors.

**Additional Item:**

Mrs. Nietupski stated that she received a legal notice stating that School Committee members are allowed to complete individual evaluations and send them to the aggregator, however the aggregator cannot send the evaluations back to the School Committee members for comments as this could be consider deliberations. Comments must be held until during the public review. There cannot be any edits prior to June 13<sup>th</sup> all edits may be made on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**6. New Business**

**a. Annual Appointments**

A discussion took place regarding the Annual Appointment of Required District Compliance and Grievance Officers, Alternates. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve Ms. Kate Ryan as the Title 9 Compliance Officer, seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All approved (5-0). Mrs. Vigneau made a motion to approved Ms. Kate Ryan as the Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer with Mr. Rick Bedard as the Alternate, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (5-0). Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve Ms. Kate Ryan as the Title II Compliance Coordinator with Mrs. Jennifer Bellville as the alternate, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. All approved. (5-0).

**b. School Committee Attorney**

Mr. Myers stated that he is very happy with Fletcher and Tilton and their specialty is labor management. All legal questions related to Special Education go through the Special Education attorney. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept Fletcher and Tilton as the School Committee's attorney, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. Mrs. Teixeira – abstained, Mrs. Lagerholm – yes, Mrs. Nietupski – yes, Mrs. Vigneau – abstained, Mr. Wilbur – yes. (3-0-2)

**6. Executive Session**

**7. Adjourn**

Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. All approved (5-0)

**Next Meeting:**

May 23, 2018 – Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Media Center at 7:00pm


Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Freitas*

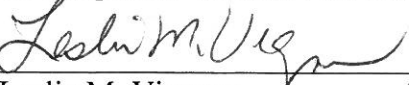
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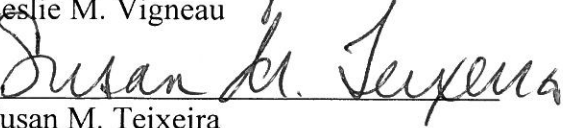
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved:

  
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Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson

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Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson

  
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Leslie M. Vigneau

  
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Susan M. Teixeira

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Julia Lagerholm

Items in Packet:

Agenda  
Regular Minutes 4.25.2018  
Special Session Minutes 5.1.2018  
District Enrollment Numbers  
Letter to Sheriff Lew Evangelidis  
Approved FY19 Budget

Email

Superintendent's Comments