

Millbury School Committee

Date: May 23, 2018

Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes

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Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson, Mr. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Teixeira, Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Lagerholm, Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum, Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services, Mr. Bedard, Business Manager, and Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools

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

Time: 7:00 pm

Mrs. Nietupski opened the meeting at 7:02pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was taken to remember the people in Santa Fe, Texas.

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of May 9, 2018.

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of May 9, 2018. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. All approved (5-0).

2. Review and Approval of the Special Session Minutes of May 1, 2018.

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of May 1, 2018. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All approved (5-0).

1. Report of the Administration

a. Student Council Report

Kaylee Watkins and Ethan McDuffie updated the School Committee on current and future events.

b. Millbury's Unified Sports Program

Ms. Ryan stated that this is the first year Millbury has fielded a Unified Sports Program. Ms. Ryan thanked Mr. Pat Mara, Athletic Director, for all he's done to support our students with disabilities, whether they attend in or out of district programs. His "what can we do to make it happen" attitude has allowed for some of our out of district students to participate in various sporting events with the support of Coach Mr. Avakian, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and Assistant Coach, Mrs. Jackson, Intensive Special Education Teacher. Mr. Avakian and Mrs. Jackson presented a PowerPoint presentation showing students participating in track and field events. They awarded certificates to the student athletes.

c. Mrs. MaryAnn DeMaria, 2018 Promising Practices Award Recipient

Mrs. Bellville introduced Mrs. MaryAnn DeMaria, who was recognized by the Blackstone Valley Superintendent's Consortium for her dedicated and innovative instructional practices last Friday at the Asa Waters. Mrs. DeMaria demonstrated part of the lesson plan "Marbles in Motion" that earned her the award.

d. "Everything Fair" at the Shaw Elementary School

Mrs. Friedman introduced Emma Flaherty, Marley Shaw, and Teagan Luff. The students presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the "Everything Fair" that was held at the Shaw Elementary School.

4. Budget

a. Revolving Accounts Summary 3/31/2018

Mr. Bedard stated that the Preschool, Windle Field, Dorothy Manor, and Aftercare Revolving Accounts were used to offset the budget. He stated that the Summer School Revolving Account has always been for the high school summer program, however, Mr. Mainhart will run a summer school STEAM Camp at Elmwood Street School and some of those fees will be deposited into that account. Windle Field continues to improve; work has been done in fields, bleachers and scoreboard. An additional amount of the Preschool Account balance will be used to offset of the budget. The Athletic Account will have a large expenditure, as they are looking to replace the scoreboard at the high school. Mr. Bedard stated that in the regular budget there are funds for a part time Athletic Trainer, however Mr. Mara would like to increase her hours and those hours will be paid out of the Athletic Revolving Account. Mr. Bedard reviewed the Revolving Lunch Account. Mrs. Teixeira stated that she is concerned about the height of the speed bumps under the catwalk. She stated that they have worn down and need to be repaired and asked if the costs could come from the Student Parking Revolving Account. Mr. Bedard stated that Mr. Halacy will look into repairing the speed bumps.

b. Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Services Bid

Mr. Bedard stated that have recently solicited bids for an annual service contract for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and mechanics and temperature air controls at all three schools. We received one bid from our incumbent Renaud. Mr. Bedard stated that even though we only received on bid the bid was lower than the current pricing. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept Renaud HVAC and Controls, Inc. bid for the annual service contract for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. All approved (5-0).

c. FY2019 Budget

Mr. Bedard stated that included in the School Committee packet is the Senate Budget Proposal, however, it is not the final proposal. Mr. Bedard also stated that they are soliciting bids for the activity bus. The bids will be opened at Central Office on May 31, 2018. Mr. Bedard stated that they are getting a proposal ready for the sand truck for the state bid.

d. Maintenance Memo

Mr. Bedard stated that the Maintenance Memo is included in the packet and it outlines some projects that have been completed or are scheduled to be completed soon. He stated that at the Millbury Jr./Sr. High School repairs will be made to the parking lot. Mr. Bedard stated the Softball

League would like to place a storage container for their equipment at Windle Field. He also stated that the Windle Field scoreboard has been completed. Mr. Bedard stated the Worcester County House of Corrections has helped with some of the spring cleaning. The Committee asked that a thank you letter be sent to the Worcester County House of Corrections. Mr. Bedard stated that a contractor worked on the field surfaces. He also stated that the infields at Windle Field and Shaw School have new fill material and it is well suited for infield use. Mr. Bedard stated that the new fill material will also be done on the infields at the high school. He stated that fields have been fertilized and irrigated. This is part of the new ongoing treatment program. Mr. Bedard stated that the fields get a lot of use and car shows and food truck festivals do a lot of damage to our fields. He stated that the School Committee may want to restrict vehicles on Windle Field in the future. There are other areas that could be used for car shows and food truck festivals. Mrs. Nietupski stated that the School Committee may have to consider not allowing vehicles and trucks to be on the field at Windle Field, however this does not include the Lion's Club. Mr. Bedard would like to reach out to the vendors that use vehicles on Windle Field and let them know that next year they will have to use a different location in Millbury.

5. Old Business

a. School Choice

Mrs. Nietupski stated that the School Committee must decide if Millbury will remain a non-school choice district. A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of approving Millbury as a school choice district. Mr. Wilbur stated that he would vote to open five seats for school choice students. Mrs. Teixeira stated that after this year's budget she would vote to open 5 seats at the high school. Mrs. Vigneau agreed that she would vote to open 5 seats at the high school. Mrs. Lagerholm stated that she would vote to open seven seats based on the number of students that leave the district to attend the Blackstone Valley Technical High School. Mrs. Nietupski stated that she would take a roll call among the members. She stated that a yes vote would be for becoming a school choice district and a no would be for remaining a non-school district. Mrs. Teixeira made a motion to accept school choice in the Millbury High School and open seven seats in grades 9-11, seconded by Mr. Wilbur.

Mrs. Teixeira – Yes

Mrs. Lagerholm – Yes

Mrs. Nietupski – Yes

Mr. Wilbur – Yes

Mrs. Vigneau – Yes.

All approved (5-0).

Mr. Myers stated that he would give a quarterly report to the School Committee regarding the School Choice pilot program.

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).

b. Shaw Project Update

Mr. Myers stated that a site visit at the Shaw Elementary School took place on May 16, 2018 for potential design firms. He stated that four Design and Architectural firms have been identify as prospective candidates based on their interest in the project.

6. New Business

a. Awarding of Diplomas – Review of Procedure

Mrs. Nietupski stated that Mrs. Kim Pine, Millbury High School teacher, had formally requested to give her daughter her diploma at the graduation ceremony on June 1, 2018. A discussion took place

regarding who or who should not give students their diplomas. It was stated that the School Committee does not have a policy regarding the awarding of diplomas, only past practice. However, Mrs. Nietupski recommended that they have a policy in place for the next school year. The School Committee granted Mrs. Pine permission to give her daughter her diploma at graduation.

b. Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates for SY 2018-2019

The meetings will be on the second and fourth Wednesday of each Month except for the meeting on December 19, 2018. On January 9, 2019 the FY2020 Budget will be presented.

c. Review of Policy – Proposed Amendments 1st Reading

Ms. Ryan asked the Committee to consider certain amendments to Policies AC, ACA, ACAB, and ACE. The proposed changes, which are based on feedback from legal counsel, will update the School Committee’s policies to reflect current best practice. This is the 1st reading of the proposed changes.

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:

June 13, 2018 – Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Media Center at 7:00pm


Respectfully submitted,

Donna Freitas

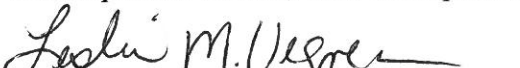
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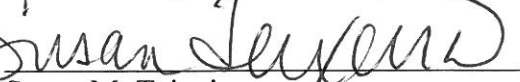
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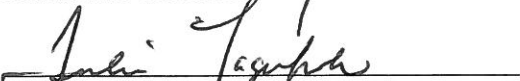
Approved:


Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson

Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson


Leslie M. Vigneau


Susan M. Teixeira


Julia Lagerholm

Items in Packet:

Agenda

Regular Minutes 5/9/2018

Special Session Minutes 5.1.2018

Maintenance Memo

Proposed SC Meeting Dates for 2018-2019

Policies ACE, ACAB, ACA, AC

Drafts of Policy ACE, ACAB, ACA, AC

MaryAnn DeMaria letter from Blackstone Valley Educational Collaborative

Preliminary Municipal Cherry Sheet

Revolving Accounts Summary 3/31/2018

Email

Superintendent's Comments

Handouts

Blackstone Valley Educational Collaborative Promising Practices Booklet

Invitation to Grade 8 Grade Promotion Ceremony