

Millbury School Committee

Date: May 24, 2017

Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: High School Media Center

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of April 26, 2017.

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of April 26, 2017. Mr. Wilbur noted that it was a debt exclusion. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept the minutes of April 26, 2017 with the correction. Seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (4-0-1).

2. Report of the Administration

a. School Council Report

Millbury High School juniors, Ethan McDuffie, Annette Ellis, and Elijah Friedman reported on recent and upcoming events at the Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School.

b. Student Advisory Report

Nicholas Lazzaro, the Millbury Student Advisory Committee's representative to the School Committee updated the Committee on recent and upcoming initiatives. He presented a PowerPoint to show what the Advisory Committee has completed during the school year. As the student representative Nicholas attends School Committee meetings throughout the year in accordance with MGL CH 71, §38M ("...student advisory committees shall, by majority vote prior to the first day of June in each year, elect from their number a chairperson who shall serve for a term of one year. Said chairperson shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the school committee, without the right to attend executive sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the individual school committee...")

c. Curriculum Update

Mrs. Jenn Bellville, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, provided the Committee with a status update on curriculum review and revisions in the District, common assessments, and summer Professional Development Offerings to teachers.

d. Evaluation Evidence

Mr. Myers stated that he provided evidence to support the School Committee's evaluation of his performance for this year. Mrs. Nietupski stated that each member must send the aggregator the completed form by June 7th. Mrs. Nietupski volunteered to be the aggregator. She stated that she will have a summary of the evaluation for the next meeting.

e. Promising Practices Breakfast Award Recipient

Mr. Myers stated that this year's Blackstone Valley Consortium's Promising Practices Award recipient was Richard Smith, Grade 4 Math/Science teacher at the R.E. Shaw Elementary School. Mr. Smith was awarded for his implementation of an innovative and hands-on math lesson using sticks of butter to teach fractions. This was Mr. Smith's second Promising Practices award.

Additional item: Mr. Myers stated that the Elmwood Street School had an unannounced evacuation drill. He stated that all the feedback was positive. Mr. Myers also stated that the students and staff were instructed to use their alternate relocation destination.

3. Budget

a. RADAR

Mr. Bedard stated that the Millbury RADAR Team is at the end of their first year in the pilot program. He stated that RADAR is the Resource Allocation Pilot Program started by the state. Mr. Bedard stated that the team has reviewed the data and the program has helped them build a better budget. He also stated that some of the data will be released to other districts to help them build a budget using data. Mr. Bedard stated that it was successful first year.

4. Old Business

b. Annual Consideration of School Choice – Vote Required

In accordance with G.L.c.76,S.12b (Requires that all Massachusetts school committees take this vote before June 1st, of each year.) and after holding a public hearing on the matter at the May 10, 2017 meeting The School Committee must decide whether to offer School Choice for the next school year. A discussion took place as the School Committee considered whether to become a School Choice district for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion to remain a non-School Choice District. Seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (5-0).

c. Shaw Building Project Update

Mr. Myers updated the status of the Shaw building project to the Committee, including the formation of the School Building Committee which met for the first time on May 11, 2017. It's first two action items required by the MSBA are the Educational Profile Questionnaire and the Online Enrollment Projections due on or before May 30, 2017. Mr. Myers stated that these two items will be completed long before May 30th.

5. New Business

a. Draft of FY2018 School Committee Meeting Dates

Mr. Myers stated that the Shaw School and High School tours had been moved up so that the MCAS presentation will be at the high school rather than one of the elementary schools. He also stated that the tour at the Shaw Elementary School will consist of a presentation of co-teaching. Mrs. Nietupski stated that June 27, 2018 will be used only if needed.

6. Executive Session

In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), 3, to discuss strategy options in anticipation of upcoming collective bargaining with the SEIU.

Mrs. Nietupski took a roll call

Mrs. Teixeira - Yes

Mrs. Vigneau – Yes

Mrs. Nietupski – Yes

Mr. Plante - Yes

Mr. Wilbur – Yes

Next Meeting:

June 14, 2017 Regular Session Millbury High School Media Center 7:00pm

7. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Freitas

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Items in Packet:

Regular Minutes from May 10, 2017

Superintendents Comments

Invitation to the Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony

Thank you letter – Kim Pine

Thank you letter – Attorney Peter Keenan, Jr.

Corey Letter – Lindsay Grass

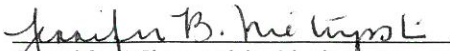
Corey Letter – Corey Burke


Corey Letter – Andy Hall

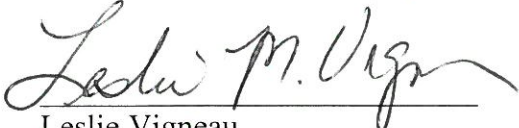
Superintendent's Comments and Examples of Evidence


Superintendent's Goals


Approved:


Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson


Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson


Leslie Vigneau


Susan Teixeira


Christopher Wilbur