

Millbury School Committee

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**Date:** November 29, 2017

Meeting  
REGULAR SESSION  
Minutes

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

**Absent:** Nicholas Lazzaro, Student Council Representative

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of November 8, 2017.**

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of November 8, 2017. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept the minutes of November 8, 2017, seconded by Mr. Plante. All approved (5-0).

**2. Report of the Administration**

**a. Student Council Report**

Elijah Friedman and Ethan McDuffie reported on the clubs at the high school. They also reported on upcoming events.

**b. Director of Pupil Services Update**

Ms. Ryan announced that preschool applications will be available by the end of the week at the Elmwood Street School, Town Hall or online. The applications are due by January 5, 2018.

Ms. Ryan updated the Committee on the Special Education Program Improvement Grant 274 and the recent Federal cuts. The 274 Grant from FY2017 was used to support the initial phase of co-teaching at Shaw School. In the absence of this grant, the District is considering how best to reallocate local resources to maintain funding for our co-teaching initiative. Mr. Myers has reached out to Senator Moore's office to request that the Senator support additional funding for districts affected by the 274 cuts.

Ms. Ryan reported to the School Committee alarming statistics regarding misuse or abuse of prescription medication among high school students. She also reported that two out of three high school students have tried alcohol, about 1 out of 3 are current drinkers and nearly 1 out of 5 are binge drinkers. The District's is implementing the 2016 STEP Act (Substance use, Treatment, Education, and Prevention), which outlines requirements for public schools to employ the SBIRT Protocol (Screening, Brief intervention, and Referral to Treatment). This school year SBIRT will be

conducted for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Prior to the screening, parents will receive a letter, an email, and a ConnectEd call explaining the screening. The SBIRT protocol will be administered on December 12<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> by our clinical staff, it is a research-based, proactive screening tool to help identify students who may be at risk for substance use and in need of intervention strategies.

### **3. Budget**

- a. Mr. Bedard reported to the School Committee that a water main broke at the Shaw School driveway. It has been repaired. He also stated that an alert bus driver from AA Transportation discovered the leak. Mr. Bedard stated that RH White repaired the water main break and it will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000.
- b. Mr. Bedard stated that the Department of Public Works has installed the underground wire for the Windle Field scoreboard and the black pole has been cemented into the ground and the last step will be for the vendor to come and install the scoreboard on the black pole.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **a. Shaw School MSBA Update**

Mr. Myers stated that there is a new tentative timeline of dates for MSBA Module 2 which were chosen in collaboration with the MSBA and the Selection Subcommittee. The OPM Selection Subcommittee's work is to develop a Request for Services (RFS) which is a very large and technical template supplied by the MSBA. Mr. Rob Pine, Professional Engineer was able to complete a large portion of the template. Mrs. Decatur reviewed the document and Mr. Bedard the keeper of document assembled all completed sections into the document. All documentation must be submitted to the town's legal counsel and then to MSBA by April 2<sup>nd</sup> for approval. Once an OPM is under contract he/she will guide the subcommittee in choosing a design firm and will propose a plan to best rectify the Shaw School.

Additional Item: Mrs. Vigneau volunteered to be the School Committee representative for the Community Service Learning Grants (CSL).

### **5. New Business**

### **6. Adjourn**

Mr. Plante made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All approved (5-0).

### **Next Meeting:**

December 20, 2017 – Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School Media Center at 7:00pm

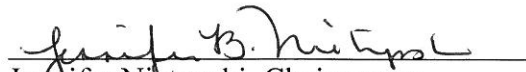
Respectfully submitted,

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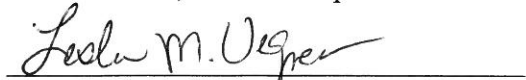
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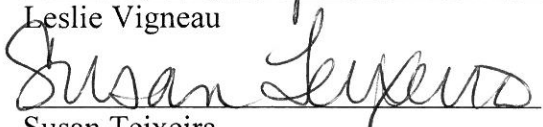
Approved:

  
Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson

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Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson

  
Leslie Vigneau

  
Susan Teixeira

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Christopher Wilbur

Items in Packet:

Agenda  
Regular Minutes 11/8/2017  
Superintendent's Comments  
PowerPoint SBIRT