

Millbury School Committee Minutes

Date: December 9, 2009

Present: Ms. Brady-Pojani, Chairperson, Mr. Clawson, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Corey, Mr. Borowski, Mrs. Vigneau, Mr. Bedard, Business Administrator, and Mrs. Hitchcock, Superintendent of Schools

Location: High School Media Center

Time: 7:00 pm

Approval of Regular Session Minutes

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2009. Mr. Borowski made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion. All approved (5-0).

Report of the Administration

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that they posted the position of .5 interim Assistant Principal at the Elmwood Street School. The interim position will end at the end of the school year. This posting ended today and they have received one applicant and it is not an internal person. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that she would let the School Committee know at the next meeting what happens regarding this position.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that a brochure was included in their packets from Mrs. Rosemary Reidy, Cheerleading Coach. The high school cheerleaders had received a bid for a championship to compete in Florida. They will raise the money for the trip themselves. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000.00 per student. Mr. Borowski made a motion to approve the out of state field trip for Mrs. Reidy and the high school cheerleaders to Florida and Mrs. Vigneau seconded the motion. All approved (5-0). The School Committee would like Mrs. Hitchcock to send a letter of congratulations to the cheerleaders on their behalf.

Budget

Mr. Bedard gave an updated report regarding the Windle Field Payment. He stated that he is still working with Brian Turbitt from Town Hall to resolve this issue. He stated that he would continue to update the School Committee regarding this matter.

Mr. Bedard stated that an updated report of the revolving accounts were in the School Committee packets. It was stated that the money in the student parking account will be

used for repairs needed for the parking lot. It was stated that after year two there could be enough money in the account to pay for sealing the parking lot.

Mr. Bedard stated that the Athletic revolving account balance will go down by the end of the school year. The account will be reviewed as the year progresses. It was stated that the athletic budget was used first since the receipts come in over the course of the year. Mr. Bedard will check to see if the Thanksgiving football game receipts have been included in the balance.

A discussion regarding the Capital Improvement Project list took place. It was stated that there were quotes included regarding the replacement of lockers at the high school which is a safety issue the lockers are pulling away from the walls. The high school lockers are original to the building. The quote includes new lockers at the Shaw School which are not a safety issue but also original to the building. The other item is to make the second (rear) playground at the Elmwood Street School ADA accessible. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that these were the items that she would like to the School Committee to vote on if any money becomes available during the school year. Ms. Brady-Pojani stated that she was hesitant to vote and that the School Committee would like to see a quote for the playground project at the Elmwood Street School. She also stated that she would like to review the Capital Improvement List one more time before voting.

Old Business

During the second reading of the new Facilities Use Policy it was decided that a distinction between B and H was needed. It was also decided to rewrite D with an asterisk that the owner of a business must produce proof that 51% of their clients are Millbury residents. Mr. Borowski made a motion to rewrite D and Mr. Corey seconded the motion. All approved (5-0). Under procedures #1 it was also discussed. It states that the Director of Facilities would be the only one to decide which custodians worked the events. It was stated that this would be changed to "with consultation of each principal the Director of Facilities would decide which custodian worked an event at each of the buildings". Mr. Clawson made a motion to change procedure #1 and Mr. Corey seconded the motion. All approved (5-0). The third reading will take place at the next meeting.

Presentation of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that last year Dr. Reese wrote a grant for a safe and drug free school and that part of that grant the 9th grade students would take part in a survey regarding youth behavior. The questions were developed by the Center of Disease. The data has been analyzed. Mrs. Hitchcock also stated that Mr. John Poselli played a significant role as a member of the Advisory Committee. The town manager and the police chief have both been invited (and were presented) to the presentation this evening.

In a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Benson presented the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. He stated that the results of the survey gave us a little window into the

school but a larger window into the community. He stated that 116 students took the survey, the responses were voluntary. Dr. Benson read several of the questions that were on the survey and gave the School Committee the results in percentages. The best thing Millbury could do to help our children is to get the results of the survey out to the parents. He also suggested working with the community and the schools to access resources that are available. The Advisory Committee will continue to meet and to make action steps.

A five minute recess took place.

Ms. Brady-Pojani brought the meeting back to order at 8:10 pm.

New Business

Mr. Bedard stated that the Windle Field Committee had discussed the master plan to upgrade Windle Field. He stated that in order to bring the master plan to fruition a piece of land would have to be obtained as it was needed as a buffer zone. It was stated that the School Department does not own property and this would have to go through the town. Mr. Bedard asked the School Committee under the assumption that this land is donated how should he proceed with this matter. It was stated that the owner of the property would have to approach the town manager. Mrs. Hitchcock will look into who owns Windle Field and will consult with legal counsel. Mr. Corey requested that a 21E be done on the soil at Windle Field.

Mrs. Hitchcock recommended that the December 16th meeting be cancelled. However, the School Committee will meet in the Superintendent's conference room at 5:30 for Executive Session – Contract Negotiations.

Ms. Brady-Pojani adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm and asked for a vote to go into Executive Session for Contract negotiations. Mr. Corey – yes, Mr. Clawson – yes, Mrs. Vigneau – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, and Ms. Brady-Pojani – yes.