

MILLBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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MILLBURY, MASS.

DATE: May 5, 2009

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

TIME: 6:15 pm

LOCATION Principal's Conference Room - Millbury Junior/Senior High School

Budget Discussion

Mrs. Hitchcock opened the meeting.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the School Committee must reorganize. She asked for nominations for the position of Chairperson. Mrs. Vigneau nominated Ms. Brady-Pojani and Mr. Clawson seconded the nomination. All approved (4-0). Ms. Brady-Pojani nominated Mr. Clawson for Vice Chairperson and Mr. Corey seconded the nomination. All approved (4-0).

A discussion took place regarding the email from Mr. O'Connor, Finance Committee Chairman, to Mrs. Hitchcock. Specifically item #5 Mr. O'Connor states that there will be significant reductions in State Aid and that some portion of the health insurance savings would be consumed to make up for the state aid reduction. Ms. Brady-Pojani stated that she had requested Mrs. Hitchcock to draft a document stating that the savings from the health insurance vote would be used to restore positions and she also stated that the document should be signed by the Selectman and members of the Finance Committee. It was stated that \$164,010 should be added to the budget before the Town Meeting and it was also stated that the School Committee should meet with the Selectman before the Town Meeting to have this document signed by the Selectman and the Finance Committee members and to discuss adding the savings from the health insurance vote to the budget tonight.

It was stated that the open enrollment for employees to sign up for Blue Cross / Blue Shield will end on June 8th. It was stated that after this time actual savings numbers would be available. Mr. Bedard stated that he was concerned that due to the fact that this is a premium insurance some of the 90 eligible employees not taking insurance at this time may opt to sign up which could affect the savings.

The School Committee, Mrs. Hitchcock and Mr. Bedard met with the Selectman, Mr. Spain and Mr. Turbitt to discuss adding the savings from the health insurance vote into the budget before the Town Meeting.

A conversation took place regarding Mr. O'Connor's email to Mrs. Hitchcock and Mrs. Hitchcock's email to Mr. O'Connor. Mr. Spain stated that he was under the assumption that the money was going to be added to the budget before the meeting with Mrs. Hitchcock. He also stated that he completely agreed with the School Committee and that this money was to be used for restoring positions. He stated that he was not prepared tonight to add the savings into the budget. He also stated that there would definitely be a second Town Meeting tentatively scheduled for June 23rd. He will be prepared to add the health insurance savings to the school and town budget at the June 23rd meeting. It was also stated that the 77% may not be the correct number. Mr. O'Connor stated that the contents of the email were his opinion only.

Old Business

Nothing to Report

New Business

Nothing to Report

Next meeting May 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Lane
School Committee Clerk

Approved:








