

Millbury School Committee Minutes

DATE: September 9, 2009

PRESENT: Ms. Brady-Pojani, Chairperson, Mr. Thomas Clawson, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Corey, Mrs. Vigneau, Mr. Borowski, Mr. Bedard, Business Administrator, Mrs. Linda Swenson, High School Principal, Ms. Jenn Simanski, Shaw Elementary School Principal, Ms. Susan Frederick, Elmwood Street School Principal, Mrs. Karen Molnar, Director of Pupil Services, Mr. Russ Rapose, Director of Curriculum and Mrs. Hitchcock, Superintendent

LOCATION: High School Media Center

TIME: 7:00 pm

Mrs. Hitchcock introduced each School Committee member beginning with Ms. Brady-Pojani who has served on the School Committee for twenty-five years. Mr. Thomas Clawson has served for seventeen plus years. Mrs. Vigneau has served for 11 years and Mr. Borowski has served for three years. The new staff members introduced themselves to the School Committee. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the positions the new staff members were hired for were for positions in which staff members had retired with the exception of two positions. The additional pre-school teacher at Elmwood Street School was approved by the School Committee due to the increase of preschool students. This position and the second position, the Imagine II position at Shaw, are funded by the federal stimulus package.

Ms. Brady-Pojani welcomed the new staff members to the Millbury School System. She also stated that the School Committee meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Ms. Brady-Pojani called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Approval of Regular Minutes

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2009 meeting. Mr. Borowski made a motion to accept the minutes and Mrs. Vigneau seconded the motion. All approved (5-0)

Approval of Executive Minutes

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to approve the Executive minutes from the August 26, 2009 meeting. Mr. Borowski made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion.

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked the members to vote on going into Executive Session for possible litigation. Mr. Corey – yes, Mr. Clawson – yes, Mr. Borowski, - yes, Mrs. Vigneau – yes and Ms. Brady-Pojani – yes.

Report of Administration

Mrs. Swenson, Principal reported on the class sizes at the high school for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Mrs. Swenson also stated that October 22nd or October 23rd will be student government day for high school students. She stated that the reason it was moved to the fall was due to the town manager being so busy with the budget in the spring.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that opening day went smoothly. There were some transportation issues that have been resolved. This was expected due to eliminating a bus route.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the new roof at Shaw Elementary School was almost completed. She stated that they were not aware that this project was going to happen at this time. She also stated that there was an adhesive odor but the building was well ventilated and that Mr. Bedard was watching the project closely.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that very preliminary enrollments numbers were included in the School Committee member's packets. She also stated that the official enrollment numbers would be available after October 1, 2009.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the Shaw Elementary School and the Junior High School were in the process of implementing PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System). The PBIS teams have been through extensive training. This initiative is to decrease the number of office referrals. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the Shaw School is off to a great start. They are using Woolie mascots in each homeroom to show Woolie Pride. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that Mrs. Karen Molnar wrote a federal government grant to fund this initiative.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the flowers and mulch donated again this year by Mrs. Higginbottom looked lovely at the Shaw School.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that at future meetings a staff member will give a brief fifteen minute presentation to the School Committee. Mrs. Marybeth Nyce will demonstrate smart boards at the September 23rd meeting.

Ms. Brady-Pojani stated that on the opposite week of staff presentations the student advisors could come.

Budget

Mr. Bedard stated it was determined that the roof at Shaw Elementary had too much hail damage to fix and that a new roof was needed. He stated that the town put a package together with the library and other buildings for this project. He also stated that the roof comes with a 15 year warranty. He stated that the high school roof had been inspected and there was no damage to that roof and the cooling units at the Elmwood Street School are being repaired. He also stated that the siding at Windle field is also being looked at.

Old Business

Mr. Bedard stated that Probuilt Construction would complete the playground enhancements at both schools next week. He also stated that the school department's maintenance staff did a great job on the new area. He stated that all the bathroom partitions and privacy panels except two have been completed at the Shaw School. There are technical people working on the logistics of the stage at the Shaw School and that it should be completed in 4-6 weeks.

Mrs. Vigneau stated that she could not make the October 14th meeting.

Mr. Corey stated that if the position of cable club advisor is not filled by a staff member he would like the position to be advertised on the outside. Please put on the agenda next month. He stated that many people have approached him concerning the televising of the girls and boys basketball games.

Mr. Borowski stated that there is not a drop off schedule for bus routes and he would like to see the bus company make a more detailed schedule next year.

The future meetings are scheduled for September 23rd, October 14th, at the high school and October 28th at Shaw School.

Mr. Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Borowski seconded the motion. All approved (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Lane
School Committee Clerk

Approved:




