

## Millbury School Committee Minutes

**DATE:** September 23, 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, and Mrs. Susan Hitchcock.

**LOCATION:** High School Media Center

**TIME:** 7:00 pm

### Approval of Regular Minutes

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2009. Mr. Borowski made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion. All approved (5-0).

### Approval of Executive Minutes

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session on September 9, 2009. Mr. Clawson made a motion to accept the Executive Minutes and Mr. Borowski seconded the motion.

### Report of the Administration

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that she had received an email from the Charter Review Committee. The email stated that they are in the process of reviewing the Town of Millbury's Home Rule Charter. They have invited all boards and department heads to attend a session where they may ask questions and voice any concerns they may have. The School Committee's session is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall at 8:00 pm.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that Senator Moore is conducting a seminar regarding the new Conflict of Interest laws that have been put into place on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Auburn Town Hall. Mrs. Hitchcock also stated that she thought the School Committee members and herself attend this meeting. She also stated that she would get a copy of the new laws to the School Committee prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the H1N1 Committee would be meeting on Thursday between 4:30 – 6:00 pm to discuss the information gleaned from the telephone conference call from the DPH and the DESE on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that a copy of the Massachusetts Public Schools Survey of Fees as of September 20<sup>th</sup> was included in each School Committee member's packet. She stated that as this was a concern last year during budget discussions it would be a concern for the upcoming budget.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that a formal review of policies was necessary as some of the policies have not been reviewed in years. She stated that there are two policies that should be looked at now. The first policy to look at is the kindergarten entrance age she feels that this policy needs some tightening up regarding new students entering the district.

The second policy that needs to be reviewed is that the school district cannot refuse to enter a senior student regardless of age. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that she would provide the School Committee with information from other schools regarding their policy.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that Student Government Day is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2009.

Mrs. Maribeth Nyce gave a presentation regarding how SmartBoards are used in classrooms. Mr. Ryan Sullivan gave a presentation regarding how the Student Response System is used in his classroom.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that she would like the community to know that each school in the district has at least one SmartBoard and that the Technology Department spent their limited funds and warrant article well.

## **Budget**

Mr. Bedard stated that the roof at Shaw has been completed. They are still waiting to hear if the insurance is going to cover the air conditioning units at Elmwood that were damaged by the hail. The siding at Windle Field will be replaced and they are still waiting to hear if the roof that was damaged by the hail will be covered by the insurance. Mr. Bedard also stated that the ADA playgrounds at the Shaw School and Elmwood were just about completed. He stated that the contractor hit an underground wire that feeds the light poles at Elmwood and that they are responsible for repairing. The bathroom partitions at Shaw School are completed with the exception of two and that will be completed shortly. The replacement of the crossbars and poles at Windle Field will begin next week. National Grid has donated the crossbars and the hardware. Mr. Bedard stated that he would submit this information to the newspapers.

Mr. Bedard stated that two people in the Maintenance Department have been hired. Mr. Robby Barber has been hired as the part time night custodian at Elmwood and that Mr. Haak who had been temporarily filling the position vacated by Mr. Doolittle has been hired permanently.

Ms. Brady-Pojani stated that she would like these various maintenance projects to remain on the agenda under Old Business until they are completed.

## **Old Business**

A discussion took place regarding the position of Cable Club Advisor. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that she would need to know what events specifically would be taped in order to provide the amount of hours needed in this position.

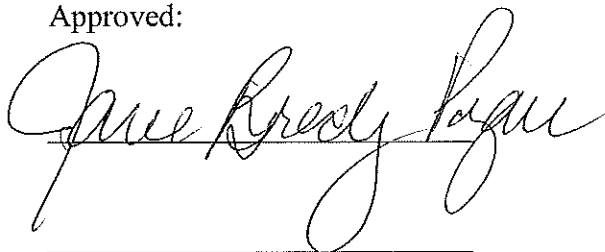
Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a vote from the School Committee Members to go into Executive Session. Mr. Corey - yes, Mr. Clawson - yes, Mr. Borowski - yes, Mrs. Vigneau - yes and Ms. Brady-Pojani - yes.

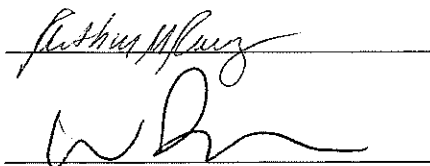
Ms. Brady-Pojani stated that they would not be coming back to regular session and therefore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Lance  
School Committee Clerk

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