

Millbury School Committee Minutes

Date: November 4, 2009

Present: Ms. Brady-Pojani, Chairperson, Mr. Clawson, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Corey, Mr. Borowski, Mrs. Vigneau, Mr. Bedard, Mrs. Swenson, High School Principal, and Mrs. Hitchcock Superintendent

Location: High School Media Center

Time: 6:00 pm

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion for the School Committee to enter into Executive Session under subsection 3 of chapter 39 of section 23B for the purpose of discussing strategy for negotiations with nonunion personnel and under subsection 7 for the purpose of meeting with the School District Counsel. Mr. Clawson made a motion and Mr. Borowski seconded the motion. Mr. Corey – yes, Mr. Clawson – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, Mrs. Vigneau – yes, and Ms. Brady-Pojani – yes.

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to go into Executive Session under subsection (7) for the purpose of meeting the School District Counsel and under subsection (5) for the purpose of investigating charges of alleged criminal misconduct. Mrs. Hitchcock, Superintendent nor Mrs. Swenson, Principal Millbury Jr. / Sr. High School will be present in Executive Session. Mr. Clawson made a motion and Mr. Borowski seconded the motion. Mr. Corey – abstained, Mr. Clawson – yes, Ms. Brady-Pojani – yes, Mr. Borowski – yes, Mrs. Vigneau – yes.

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 28th meeting. Mr. Borowski made a motion to accept the minutes and Mrs. Vigneau seconded the motion.

Report of the Administration

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that she would like to remind the School Committee that the meeting with the Charter Review Committee will be tomorrow night (Thursday, November 5, 2009). Mrs. Hitchcock asked if the School Committee would like her to be in attendance at the meeting to bring up the Budget timeline with regards to the Governor releasing his budget.

Mrs. Hitchcock reminded the School Committee members that Student Government Day will be held Friday, November 6th at 9:00 am.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that Dr. Benson from LUK was coming in to present to the School Committee the results of the Youth Risk Survey will be out of town and would like to

present at the December 9th meeting. Ms. Brady-Pojani stated that it would be fine for Dr. Benson to present at the December 9th meeting.

Ms. Brady-Pojani asked about the position openings that were included in their packets. Mrs. Hitchcock stated none of the postings are new positions. The Imagine Nurse at Elmwood is retiring and there are many teachers at Elmwood that will be going on maternity leave and the other positions are to fill vacancies.

Budget

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the timeline for the 2011 Budget will mirror the 2010 budget timeline. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that she would submit the Budget timeline for 2011 to Mr. O'Connor tomorrow (Thursday, November 5th).

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the Capital Improvement Project List was developed in case money became available or in case we submitted a warrant article. This Capital Improvement List is an ongoing three year plan. She also stated she that along with Mr. Bedard and the Principals would prioritize the items on the list at the district level. She asked the School Committee members if they would like to add to the list. Mr. Corey suggested they add smartboards to the list. The smartboards is listed under technology. Some items will be funded under maintenance project. Mr. Bedard stated that we need to replace two vehicles, a mini van and the mini bus which are not on the list. Mrs. Hitchcock stated that items would be added and items deleted the list will be ongoing.

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that the last two pages of the Capital Improvement List are items that are needed in food service which has their own budget. A lot of the equipment is original to the buildings some were replaced last spring, however the equipment will all probably go at the same time. Mrs. Ashcraft, Food Service Director will also prioritize her list.

Mr. Bedard stated that in May a pole was replaced at Windle Field. The project was put out to bid. A month and a half later four mother poles were replaced. The Town Hall is questioning whether the replacement of the four additional poles should have gone out for another bid. Mr. Bedard stated that he looked at the additional poles as a continuation of the same project.

Old Business

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that this is the third reading of the Entrance Age Policy and that she had deleted #2 at the School Committee's request. Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to approve the new Entrance Age Policy. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion to accept the Entrance Age Policy as written and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion. Mr. Corey – yes, Mr. Clawson – yes, Ms. Brady-Pojani – yes, Mrs. Vigneau – yes, and Mr. Borowski – no.

New Business

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that as you indicated you would entertain the name of a person willing to represent the School Committee with Mrs. Vigneau on the Charter Review Committee and his name is Mr. Jack Alicandro. Mr. Borowski stated that Mr. Alicandro would be a great addition to the Committee. Ms. Brady-Pojani asked for a motion to approve Mr. Alicandro as the School Committee representative on the Charter Review Committee. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion and Mr. Borowski seconded the motion. All approve. (5-0)

Future Meetings

November 18, 2009 – 6:30 pm Tour of Elmwood Street School / Meeting 7:00 pm

December 9, 2009 – Millbury High School Media Center

First meeting in January – 6:30 pm Tour the High School

Ms. Brady-Pojani adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted

Donna Lane
School Committee Clerk

Approved:






