

Millbury School Committee

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Date: February 1, 2017

Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes

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MILLBURY, MASS.

Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson
Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Teixeira, Mr. Wilbur
Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Bedard, Business Manager
Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Student Advisory Council Representative

Absent: Mr. Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: High School Media Center

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of January 25, 2017 and Executive Session Minutes of January 25, 2017.

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of January 25, 2017. The Committee agreed to delete section 7. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion to accept the minutes of January 25, 2017 with the deletion and it was seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (4-0).

Mrs. Nietupski noted any changes, additions or deletions to the Executive Session Minutes of January 25, 2017 will have to be made in Executive Session. Mr. Wilbur made the motion to accept the Executive Session minutes and it was seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (4-0).

2. Report of the Administration

a. Elmwood Data Meeting Update

Mrs. Liz Trahan, Elmwood Street School's Instructional Coach, gave a PowerPoint presentation on data meetings, how to use teacher data to drive instruction, and how grade-level teams use data to create goals to improve student achievement. Mrs. Trahan also engaged the Committee in a discussion about *Empowering Writers* Program's effectiveness in improving student learning.

b. Shaw Building Project Update

Mr. Myers stated that he will be periodically updating the School Committee on the Shaw Building Project. He stated that last spring, with the School Committee's permission, he sent a Statement of Interest to the MSBA detailing the structural deficiencies and space limitations of the Shaw School. Mr. Myers stated that the MSBA visited the Shaw School in October to see the deficiencies and space limitations. Mr. Myers stated they have been invited to the final vote in Boston, on February 15th. He stated that if the MSBA votes to renovate Shaw or build a new school they will immediately begin the feasibility process. Mr. Myers stated that he was initially concerned that it was a small window, however, the district will be assigned a liaison that is familiar with our needs and will be able to answer questions throughout the process. They will provide us with a list of comparable districts that have just finished projects along with costs associated with getting a

feasibility study. A major review will be conducted concerning the building and the enrollment needs across the district. Mr. Myers stated that the cost for the feasibility study will be requested in a warrant article. Mr. Myers stated that an itemized estimate would be presented at a special School Committee meeting on March 1st.

3. Budget

a. FY 2018 Proposed School Budget

There were no questions regarding the FY2018 School Budget.

b. Warrant Articles

Mr. Bedard presented two ATM Warrant Articles to the School Committee to vote on:

1. Student Parking Fees Revolving Account Warrant Article
2. Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasium Floor Project Warrant Article.

Mr. Bedard stated that the gym floor article proposes to use the remaining funds from the Elmwood Boiler Project voted on at the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve the Student Parking Warrant Article and Mrs. Vigneau seconded the motion. All approved (4-0).

Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve the High School Gymnasium Floor Warrant Article and it was seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (4-0).

c. Chapter 70 Program

Mr. Bedard reported on the FY18 Preliminary Chapter 70 Aid and net school spending requirements, stating that the estimates are subject to change as the House and Senate deliberate on the budget.

Mr. Bedard confirmed that the proposed budget public hearing has been properly posted.

4. Old Business

a. Negotiations with SEIU

Mr. Myers informed the School Committee that he sent a letter to Jennifer Springer, Director of Field Operations for the SEIU, Local 888 stating that the first meeting with the SEIU will be on March 1, 2017 at 6:15 pm in the Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School Media Center. Mr. Myers stated that he will inform the School Committee when this meeting has been confirmed by the SEIU.

b. Proposed School Calendar FY2017-2018

Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Student Advisory Council Representative stated that when the process for building the FY2018-2019 school calendar begins would it be possible to look at including early release days for midterms as long as they could reach the 990 hour requirement. He stated that some neighboring towns use early release days for midterms.

Mr. Myers stated that the major changes in the FY2017-2018 school calendar were the Parent Conferences being moved to December 6th and 7th for the elementary schools. He stated that they were adding an additional 1/2 day which allows for more professional development for teachers and to shorten the year for

kindergarteners so that the district did not have to hire substitutes while the kindergarten teachers screened the incoming kindergarteners in June.

Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to approve the FY2017-2018 school calendar. Mrs. Teixeira made a motion to accept the FY2017-2018 school calendar and it was seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All approve (4-0).

5. New Business

- 6. Next Meeting:** February 9, 2017 Policy Subcommittee Superintendent's Conference Room 5:00pm
February 15, 2017 Public Hearing at Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Media Center 7:00pm
February 15, 2017 Regular Session Meeting at Millbury Jr./Sr. High School 7:15pm

7. Adjourn

Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All in favor (4-0).


Respectfully submitted,

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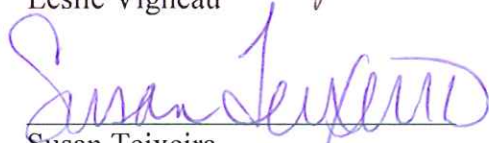
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved:


Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson

Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson


Leslie Vigneau


Susan Teixeira


Christopher Wilbur

Items in Packet:

Minutes from January 25, 2017

Minutes from Executive Session January 25, 2017

Superintendent's Comments

Proposed FY2017 School Calendar

Letter to Jennifer Springer – SEIU

FY2018 School Department ATM Warrant Articles

School Finance Chapter 70 Program

Handouts

District Newsletter

Data Meeting Information