

**Millbury School Committee Meeting  
REGULAR SESSION  
Minutes**

MILLBURY JUNIOR SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
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MILLBURY, MASS.

**Date:** February 10, 2016

**Present:** Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson; Mr. Plante, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Teixeira, Mr. Wilbur  
Ms. Gianna Okuliczki, Student Advisory Council  
Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Bedard, Business Manager  
Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment  
Mrs. Bennett, Principal of Millbury Jr./Sr. High School

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Millbury Junior/Senior High School Media Center

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of January 27, 2016 and Executive Session Minutes of January 20, 2016 and January 27, 2016**

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of January 27, 2016. Mr. Wilbur made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

Mrs. Nietupski noted any changes, additions or deletions to the Executive Session Minutes of January 20, 2016 will have to be made in Executive Session. Mr. Plante made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All in favor (5-0).

Mrs. Nietupski noted any changes, additions or deletions to the Executive Session Minutes of January 27, 2016 will have to be made in Executive Session. Mrs. Teixeira made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All in favor (5-0).

**2. Report of the Administration**

**a. 2015-2016 National Merit Scholar Award**

Mr. Myers recognized Millbury senior Noah McDuffie as qualifying for the 2015-2016 National Merit Scholar Award.

**b. 2016 Worcester County Superintendents' Scholar Award**

Mr. Myers noted that Noah McDuffie was officially recognized at a luncheon held at WPI in January as the recipient of the Worcester County Superintendents' Scholar Award.

Noah was presented plaques for the above two awards by Mr. Myers and Principal Bennett. Senator Moore and Representative Frost presented him with a citation from the legislature on his accomplishments.

**c. Millbury Girls' Soccer Team**

Mr. Myers recognized the Millbury girls' soccer team for finishing their regular season at 16-0-2, earning the top seed in the Central Mass District Tournaments. They went on to earn the 2015 State Tournament Championship without even one senior on the team. The team were

recognized individually with a commemorative plaque presented by Coach Khoury, Athletic Director Mara and Principal Bennett. Team captains Kelsie Cummings and McKenna Kennedy spoke briefly on the team's accomplishments.

### **3. Budget**

#### **a. Budget Update from Senator Moore**

Senator Moore briefly updated the Committee on the Governor's FY 17 budget proposal. He will provide a detailed report at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Representative Frost noted that meetings are now being held among the Senate and House to determine priorities with a consensus expected by mid to late March. Senator Moore suggested members from the Committee and school district attend the education hearings being held across the state to advocate for funding to meet the foundation funding.

#### **b. FY 2017 Proposed School Budget – Discussion**

Mr. Bedard stated the public hearing notice for the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting has been posted in the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle. Information on possible increases in health insurance and how it will affect the budget will be made available in the coming weeks.

#### **c. Student Activity Account Subaccount Listing**

Mr. Bedard provided an update on each school's student activity account, as part of the new guidelines issued through DESE. Mr. Bedard recommended the Committee vote to approve the student activity account subaccount listing and Ms. Piscitelli to reconcile the bank statement and the School Business Manager conduct internal audits. Mrs. Vigneau made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All in favor (5-0).

### **4. Old Business**

#### **a. Graduation Requirements – First Reading**

Mr. Myers welcomed Millbury Jr./Sr. High School principal, Tara Bennett, to answer any questions the Committee might have on the proposed Graduation Requirements, Policy IKF. Mrs. Nietupski suggested some wording changes from "In order to graduate from Millbury High School, a student must have earned **at least** as many credits as outlined below" to "In order to graduate from Millbury High School, a student must have earned **a minimum** of credits as outlined below." Ms. Bennett clarified that physical education courses are semester and not full-year based. Physical education is a requirement for all four years of high school. The other noted change was the Class of 2019 will be required to complete a semester of computer applications course.

Mrs. Nietupski noted that once revisions are made and they have a second reading, the proposed requirements will become part of the policy.

### **5. New Business**

#### **a. Chapter 70 Resolution – Vote Required**

Mr. Myers noted that Mrs. Dorothy Presser, President of the Suburban Coalition, has requested the Committee consider adopting a resolution regarding Chapter 70 funding. The resolution asks that the Legislature and the Governor fund the recommendations made by the Foundation Budget Review Commission. Mr. Myers also noted that the Governor is pushing for more charter schools diverting public funding for our public schools, and encouraged the Committee to accept and send strong language to the Governor's office on funding Chapter 70.

Mr. Bedard noted inadequate funding for employee health insurance and special education costs. The Foundation only covers 40% of what we actually spend for health insurance. The enrollment for Special Education funding is assumed at 3.75%, while Millbury's special education enrollment is at 16%.

Mrs. Nietupski requested a motion to accept the resolution calling for full funding to Chapter 70. Mr. Wilbur made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

**b. Senior Final Exams – Proposed Half Days Schedule – Vote Required**

Mrs. Bennett requested the Committee consider converting the week of senior final exams to half days for graduating seniors in good standing. All other students and employees will complete a full day of school as scheduled. An outline of the schedule was provided to the Committee.

Mrs. Nietupski requested a motion to accept the proposed half days schedule for graduating seniors. Mr. Plante made the motion to accept, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (5-0).

**c. Superintendent's Formative Assessment**

Mr. Myers updated the Committee on progress made on his four goals that were approved last fall as part of the superintendent evaluation process for the 2015-2016 school year.

**6. Executive Session**

At 8:08 p.m., Mrs. Nietupski requested a roll call vote to move into executive session. *The School Committee will vote to move into Executive Session, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), 3, to discuss strategy options in anticipation of upcoming collective bargaining with the Millbury Teachers' Association.*

*Mrs. Teixeira - Yes*

*Mrs. Vigneau - Yes*

*Mrs. Nietupski - Yes*

*Mr. Plante - Yes*

*Mr. Wilbur - Yes*

**7. Future Topics/Events**

- a. Wendy's Heisman Scholarship Award (*anticipated 2/24/2016*)
- b. Camp Bournedale Overnight Field Trip – Vote Required (*anticipated 2/24/2016*)
- c. Shaw Data Meeting Update (*anticipated 2/24/2016*)
- d. Elmwood Data Meeting Update (*anticipated 3/9/2016*)
- e. State Budget Update with Senator Moore (*anticipated 4/13/2016*)

**8. Next Meeting:** February 24, 2016 – Public Hearing on FY 2017 Proposed School Budget 7:00 p.m. MHS Media Center

**9. Adjourn**

The regular meeting session will be adjourned following executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Femino*

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved:

Janice B. Nictupski

Kevin Blawie

Ledie M. Vegrean

Susan Seymour

Christy Guillot

Items in Packet:

Draft of January 27, 2016 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Draft of January 20, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Draft of January 27, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Memo from R. Bedard dated February 3, 2016 Re: Student Activity Account Subaccount Listing

Graduation Requirements File: IKF

Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's Recommendations

Chapter 70 Resolution: Rationale

Superintendents Goals 2015-2016

Millbury Memorial Jr./Sr. High School Program of Studies 2016-2017

Handout at Meeting:

Memo from T. Bennett dated February 10, 2016 Re: Proposed Senior Final Exam Schedule