

**Millbury School Committee Meeting  
REGULAR SESSION  
Minutes**

**Date:** March 25, 2015

**Present:** Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson; Mr. Plante, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Teixeira, Mrs. Harris-Keddy  
Ms. Gianna Okuliczki, Student Advisory Council  
Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Bedard, Business Manager  
Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum  
Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services

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

**Location:** Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Review and Approval of the March 11, 2015 Regular Session Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of March 11, 2015. Mrs. Vigneau made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (4-0).

**2. Report of the Administration**

**a. Student Council Report**

Millbury Student Council members Anna Army and Shannon West updated the Committee on recent and upcoming school events.

**b. Humanities Scholars Program Presentation**

Mr. Salvatore Palano provided an overview of the Humanities Scholars Program. Ten to twelve selected members of the junior class visit Holy Cross, Assumption College, Clark University and Worcester State College for in depth discussions and lectures in the Humanities. Millbury senior Shannon West and junior Gianna Okulickzi spoke of their experiences in the program.

Mr. Palano and Mr. Dennis Stamos of Sutton are taking leadership roles in the program in the fall.

**c. Articulation Agreements with Quinsigmond Community College**

Mrs. Bellville informed the Committee that Millbury will be extending their partnership with Quinsigamond Community College to include:

- **Accuplacer Testing** – Quinsigamond staff will administer math testing free to approximately 65 students to determine college competency.

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- **Math Boot Camp** – Quinsigamond staff will provide free intense 15 hour camp for seniors to improve Accuplacer scores in Math and be better prepared for college.
- **Math IV** – We are calling our course “Math Analysis”. With the change in Masscore requirements, we need to offer a 4<sup>th</sup> year math course. We are partnering with Quinsigamond who is providing us with the syllabus and materials for this course. If students pass with a C or higher, it is equivalent to college 095 or 099 remedial college class and transferable to any state school and students could go to Quinsigamond and go right into Math 100.

Mrs. Bellville noted Millbury is exploring the option of offering courses after school to students for college credit taught by our own staff. If we start this, it won't be until the spring of next year.

**d. PARCC Update**

Mrs. Bellville updated the Committee on PARCC testing in the district.

**e. Updates for Assabet Valley Collaborative, Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative**

Mr. Myers notified the Committee that Grafton has been awarded full voting rights in the Assabet Valley Collaborative. There is currently a moratorium on other districts joining the collaborative.

Mr. Myers updated the Committee on the search for a new director at Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

**Two Additional items:**

Mr. Myers provided a copy of his letter to Senator Michael Moore, which encourages support of the proposal of MASS to consider increasing the minimum student aid to \$50 per student.

Ms. Ryan informed the Committee of the Resource Fair on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Elmwood Street School cafeteria for parents/guardians of special needs students.

**3. Budget**

**a. Financial Management Planning Committee Meeting Update**

Mr. Bedard and Mr. Plante reported on the Financial Management Planning Committee Meeting held on March 19, 2015. The meetings were on hold since last January due to Brian Turbitt's withdrawal but will now resume regularly. Mr. Bedard is the new Chairperson of the Committee. Mr. Bedard noted that five year projections for capital and staffing projects are up to date for the town and school and they are now looking into revisions and updates to the operating budget projections.

Mr. Plante stated that a new school is on the list, and Mr. Myers along with the Leadership Team will be addressing ways to communicate to the community that

the Shaw School building has limitations and is not designed to accommodate new technologies. The consensus was to put together a statement of interest next year to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **a. District Wellness Policy ADF –Second Reading**

Mrs. Nietupski noted the policy needed clarification on using removal of recess and the conflict with providing physical activity. Mr. Myers stated the new Wellness Policy is explicit that teachers may not withhold physical education as a consequence for behavior. The current policy identifies physical education as structured curriculum delivered by a teacher.

Mr. Plante made the motion to accept the Second Reading of the District Wellness Policy ADF, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (5-0).

##### **Update on ALICE training**

Mr. Myers updated the Committee on the recent two hour after school training at the Shaw School. He stated that all employees in the district have now been trained in ALICE practicum and scenario training. Mr. Bedard noted that students in the aftercare program at Shaw were transported to Elmwood Street School during the training.

A follow up training for parents will be held this spring.

#### **5. New Business**

#### **6. Executive Session**

At 7:55 p.m., Mrs. Nietupski stated:

*“The School Committee will vote to move into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, S21 (a) (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.”*

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Teixeira – yes

Mrs. Vigneau – yes

Mrs. Nietupski – yes

Mr. Plante – yes

Mrs. Harris-Keddy - yes

#### **7. Future Topics/Events**

- a. Review and Acceptance of Section A of School Committee Policies**
- b. Marching Band Presentation**

**8. Next Meeting:** April 8, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – MHS Media Center

#### **9. Adjourn**

The regular School committee session was adjourned following the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sandra Femino*  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved:

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*Kevin Blunt*

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*Susan Seyler*

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*Janice B. Nicely*

Items in Packet:  
Draft of Regular Session Minutes of 3/11/2015  
Amended Collaborative Agreement from Assabet Valley Educational Collaborative  
Request for Help Letter to Office of Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis dated 3/12/2015

Hand Out at Meeting:  
Letter to Senator Michael Moore dated 3/23/2015