

**Millbury School Committee Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes**

Date: April 8, 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
Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum
Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services

Absent: Mr. Bedard, Business Manager

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

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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 25, 2015 Regular Session Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2015

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of March 25, 2015. Mrs. Vigneau made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

Mrs. Nietupski noted an error in the Executive Session Minutes of March 25, 2015 will be corrected in executive session.

2. Report of the Administration

a. Overnight Field Trip Request – Wheelabrator Symposium

Millbury eighth grader, Emily Beaumier, was joined by MHS science teacher, Sherri Morin, to request the Committee’s permission to allow ten Millbury Jr. High School students to attend the 2015 Wheelabrator Symposium in Baltimore from May 4th to May 7th. The overnight trip is being funded by Wheelabrator Technologies. A follow-up report will be made to the Committee upon their return.

Mrs. Harris-Keddy made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (5-0).

b. Student Government Day

Millbury teacher Salvatore Palano is coordinating the annual Student Government Day with Tish Hayes of the Town Manager’s office. The event is being held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Mr. Myers will provide the Committee with more details when they become available.

c. Educator Evaluation: Evaluator Calibration

Mr. Myers and members of the administrative team will receive training on the Learning Walk protocol from Mr. Bruce MacDonald of the Massachusetts District and School

Assistance Center. The May 4th training will involve visiting various classrooms for effective teaching behaviors. Teachers will be part of future Learning Walks as part of the educator evaluation process.

d. School Safety Update

Mr. Myers informed the Committee that the district will be hosting the 2nd ALICE parent information night on Thursday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Parents will have the opportunity to hear of the progress in ALICE training and safety protocols and review selected samples of curriculum to be used at different grade levels.

All school exterior and interior doors have been coded in coordination with the police and fire departments. Two-way radios have been purchased through the safety grant to enhance communication amongst the buildings and police. The posting and selection of the School Resource Officer position is expected in June and the SRO will be present at the June 11th meeting.

e. NEASC Accreditation Postponement

Mr. Myers informed the Committee of NEASC's offer to Millbury to postpone their accreditation visit to Millbury Jr./Sr. High School from 2017 to 2018. This is being done in order to balance their visitation schedule.

Additional Items:

Mr. Myers informed the Committee that the school district has received a generous donation from the Bose Corporation through their employee and Millbury parent, Jacqueline Chaves. Bose has donated 200 high quality Bose headsets with a retail value of \$34,000. The donation will be used for music classes and for students with hearing deficits. Mr. Myers requested a vote to accept the donation.

Mr. Plante made the motion to accept, seconded by Mrs. Harris-Keddy. All in favor (5-0). A thank you letter will be sent.

The 9th annual Art in the Valley exhibit is set for Friday, April 10th, and Saturday, April 11th at the Elmwood Street Elementary School. The event showcases over 400 local artists representing 11 school districts. Mr. Myers thanked Millbury art teacher Lorna Pezzanelli for her efforts coordinating the event. He also acknowledged Gorretti's Supermarket for their generous support and Grafton Public Schools for loaning their display boards.

3. Budget

a. FY2014 End of Year DESE Financial Report Audit

Mr. Myers credited Mr. Bedard on the annual End of Year FY2014 audit performed by Roselli and Clark which had no findings nor recommendations.

4. Old Business

a. FY2016 Draft Budget Update

Mr. Myers noted the slight increases in the Governor's budget will have positive small effects on our own budget. Senator Moore is advocating to return the kindergarten grant to Millbury. Mr. Myers anticipates working with a \$210,000 budget gap in next year's proposed budget, with the priority of increased opportunities for Millbury students.

b. MSBA Statement of Interest Process

Mr. Myers referred to Mr. Bedard's memo outlining his research on the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Statement of Interest process. Mr. Bedard will provide more information when he returns.

c. Policy Subcommittee Update

Mrs. Teixeira updated the Committee on the Policy Subcommittee meeting of March 26th. The subcommittee has reviewed and updated Section B and will be reviewing Section C at the April 16th Policy Subcommittee meeting.

5. New Business

6. Executive Session

At 7:25 p.m., Mrs. Nietupski made the motion to move into Executive Session:

"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

c. School Choice Vote

8. Next Meeting: April 29, 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:

Lisa M. Vegre
Susan Seyfer
Jeff B. Mitchell

Items in Packet:

Draft of Regular Session Meeting Minutes of 3/25/2015
Draft of Executive Session Meeting Minutes of 3/25/2015
Information of Wheelabrator Environmental Symposium
Memo from R.Bedard dated 3/30/2015 re: Roselli & Clark's FY2014 End of Year DESE Financial Audit Report
Memo from R.Bedard dated 4/3/2015 re: MSBA's Statement of Interest
Flyer on Resource Fair

Hand Outs at Meeting:
Copy of G.Myer's contract
List of School Events