

**Millbury School Committee Meeting
SPECIAL SESSION
Minutes**

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Date: May 6, 2014

Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson, Mr. Plante, Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Teixeira, Ryan Mercier, Student Representative, Mrs. Hitchcock, Superintendent, Mr. Bedard, Business Administrator.

Absent: There is currently one vacancy on the School Committee.

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Millbury High School Guidance Conference Room

At 6:36PM Mrs. Nietupski opened the meeting.

Mrs. Nietupski stated that she had spoken with Ms. Swenson regarding the status of the Superintendent Search Committee. Ms. Swenson stated that she recommends the School Committee allow the Search Committee to put forth to the School Committee a range of Superintendent finalists instead of a fixed amount. Ms. Swenson recommended to Mrs. Nietupski a range of 3-5 finalists. Currently, the directive calls for a fixed amount of finalists to be recommended by the Search Committee. The School Committee discussed and agreed upon the merits of having a range of candidates sent forward. This would give the Search Committee and School Committee some flexibility. The School Committee agreed to the change.

The School Committee discussed the Annual Town Meeting warrant articles that involve the School Department. Mrs. Nietupski started the discussion by stating the Article 15 regarding Math Textbooks is only to rescind the borrowing for textbooks and not rescind funding the textbooks. She stated that there was considerable discussion between School Committee members and town officials but that she heard directly from Mr. O'Connor, the Finance Committee Chairperson, that this is only a "language issue" for the town's bonding companies so that it does not appear as though we are borrowing for the article. The math text books purchase has already been authorized. Mrs. Hitchcock also stated there was a lot of confusion with this article. She spoke with Mr. Spain to get clarification. Mr. Spain promised Mrs. Hitchcock that Mr. Turbitt, the Town Finance Director, will speak on town meeting floor to clarify the issue for the townspeople.

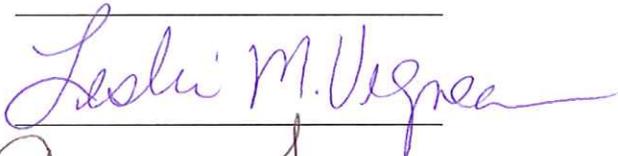
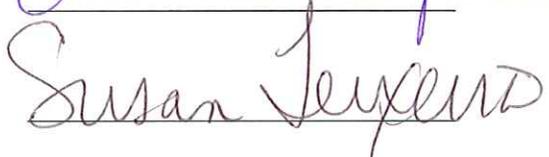
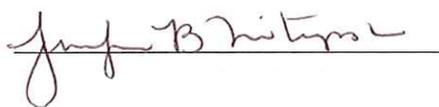
Mr. Bedard reviewed the remaining school related warrant article in the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Specifically, he discussed Articles 6, 7, 15, 19 and 20. He then spoke about Article 4 related to the FY 2015 School Operating Budget. During his discussion about the Medicaid warrant article, Mrs. Hitchcock gave an explanation about how the school department receives Medicaid reimbursement.

At 6:55PM Mr. Plante made a motion to come out of Open Session. Mrs. Vigneau seconded the motion. All in favor, 4-0 (1 vacancy).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Bedard, Jr.
School Business Administrator

Approved:

School Committee Packet:

“Town of Millbury, Finance Committee, FY 2015 Recommendations for the Town Meeting, 5/6/14”.