

**Millbury School Committee Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes**

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Date: May 25, 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
Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Millbury Junior/Senior 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 Regular Session Minutes of May 10, 2016

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of May 10, 2016. Mr. Wilbur made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (4-0).

2. Report of the Administration

a. Approval of School Committee/MTA Contract for 2016-2019 – Vote Required

Mr. Myers informed the Committee that the Millbury Teachers Association successfully ratified the new contract on May 6th. An outline of negotiated changes to the 2016-2019 agreement were provided to the Committee.

Mrs. Nietupski requested a motion to approve the School Committee/MTA contract for 2016-2019. Mrs. Vigneau made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (5-0). Mrs. Kach, MTA Union President, will be informed of the approval.

b. High School Exchange Student Recognition

Mr. Myers commended the High School Exchange program for providing opportunities to international students as well as the students of Millbury. Mrs. Maureen Graves, our International Exchange Coordinator for EF Education Foundation for Foreign Study, introduced the two current exchange students attending Millbury Junior/Senior High School, Philine Holletz of Berlin, Germany and Karlota Gracia of Madrid, Spain. Mrs. Graves presented Philine with an award for her academic excellence from EF, and explained the criteria involved to become an exchange student. Mrs. Graves also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dyberg of Millbury for hosting both exchange students this year.

c. Student Council Report

Millbury junior, John Reumann, presented an update on current and upcoming events at the high school. John was recently elected as the Student Council President for the Class of 2017.

d. Recognition of Student Council Advisory Representative

Mr. Myers acknowledged Millbury senior Gianna Okulickzi, who has represented the Student Advisory Council on the Committee for the past two years. Gianna was recently chosen as

the Telegram & Gazette scholar from Millbury. She will attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst as a Pre-med student in the fall. Gianna was awarded a Certificate of Merit, which was presented by Mrs. Nietupski and Mr. Plante.

e. Initial Approval of Florida Adventure Trip – February 2017 – Vote Required

Mr. Myers introduced Mrs. Bonnie Nieves, Science teacher at Millbury Junior/Senior High School. Mrs. Nieves provided a brief itinerary and overview to the Committee on the proposed overnight field trip scheduled for next February break to the Florida Everglades and Keys. She was accompanied by Hingham Middle school teacher, Gregg Wachtelhausen, who has used the selected travel company, Grand Classroom. Mrs. Nieves noted the National Science Teachers Association recommends using Grand Classroom because of the trip's concentration on science. The trip is geared for students in grades 11 and 12 and will include curriculum lessons. The cap is at 30 students, with three chaperones including an administrator. If approved, was suggested to offer the trip on alternating years.

Mrs. Nietupski requested a motion for preliminary approval of the Florida Adventure Trip.

Mr. Wilbur made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Myers requested Mrs. Nieves bring final details when they are available to the Committee for final approval.

f. Lions Club Youth Speech Finalist

Mr. Myers introduced Millbury sophomore, Annette Ellis, who successfully went through five rounds of competition in the Student Speakers Contest sponsored by the Lions Club to advance to the state championships. Annette described her strategy in the competition and delivered her speech on "Living in the Age of Social Media" to the Committee.

3. Budget

Mr. Bedard informed the Committee that the public accounting firm, Melanson Heath and Company, have been awarded the 3-year contract as the District's independent auditors beginning in FY2017. They will replace the District's current auditors, Roselli and Clark.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

a. School Choice Vote

Mr. Myers noted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 76 s. 12b it is required that each School Committee vote before June 1st each year on whether or not the district will participate in school choice. There was some general discussion regarding the school choice procedures and accounting if Millbury was to one day accept in school choice students. It was decided that any change in the decision would require further discussion over the course of the year prior to the vote.

Mrs. Nietupski requested a motion from the Committee to not accept in school choice students for the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Vigneau made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All in favor (5-0).

b. Draft of FY2017 School Committee Dates

A draft copy of proposed 2016-2017 School Committee Dates was provided to the Committee. It was decided to hold an additional meeting during the month of February of 2017. The schedule of meeting dates will be posted on the District website.

6. Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Nietupski requested a roll call vote to: *move into Executive Session, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21 (a) (1) to consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, or individual.*

- Mrs. Teixeira – Yes
- Mrs. Vigneau – Yes
- Mrs. Nietupski – Yes
- Mr. Plante – Yes
- Mr. Wilbur - Yes

7. Future Topics/Events

- a. Promising Practices Breakfast Award Recipients (*anticipated June 8, 2016*)
- b. Superintendent’s Evaluation (*anticipated June 22, 2016*)

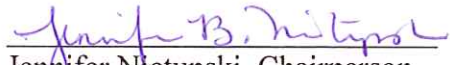
**8. Next Meeting: June 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Millbury Junior/Senior High School Media Center
June 9, 2016 – 5:30 p.m. Policy Subcommittee-Superintendent’s Conf. Room**

9. Adjourn

The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Nietupski requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Plante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All in favor (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Femino
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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:

Draft of Regular Session Minutes of May 10, 2016

MTA Contract for 2016-2019

Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates for FY2017

Letter from Senator Michael Moore Re: S.1290

Letters (2)

Handout at Meeting:

Information on proposed Florida Adventure Trip Feb 2017