

**Millbury School Committee Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes**

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Date: September 9, 2015

Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson; Mr. Plante, Vice Chairperson;
Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Teixeira, Mr. Wilbur
Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Bedard, Business Manager
Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services
Mrs. Bennett, Principal, Millbury Jr./Sr. High School
Mrs. Friedman, Principal, R.E. Shaw Elementary School
Mr. Hall, Principal, Elmwood Street School

Absent: Ms. Gianna Okuliczki, Student Advisory Council

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 Regular Session Minutes of July 9, 2015 and Regular Session Minutes of August 26, 2015

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of July 9, 2015. Mrs. Vigneau noted a correction on page 4, 3rd paragraph from the bottom regarding the motion to approve the FY2014-15 Budget Transfer Request as written, noting that it was seconded by Mrs. Vigneau (not Mrs. Teixeira, who was absent at that meeting). Mr. Plante made the motion to approve with the correction noted, seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All in favor (3-0).

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of August 26, 2015. Mrs. Vigneau made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (5-0).

2. Report of the Administration

a. Shawn Savoie Remembrance

Mr. Myers requested a moment of silence in memory of Shawn Savoie, a longtime custodian at the high school, who passed away over the summer.

b. Welcome and Introduction of New Staff

Mr. Myers invited principals to the podium to introduce their new staff for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Hall introduced new staff at Elmwood Street School:

- Alexandra Stoutt – ESL Teacher (*not present*)
- Liz Trahan – Instructional Coach (*previous Special Ed Teacher at Elmwood for 14 years*)
- Cassie Kimball – Long Term Sub Preschool Teacher
- Courtney Webber – Behavior Specialist

- Kelly Beahn – Long Term Sub Guidance Counselor
- Erica King (*not present*) – Grade 1 Special Ed Teacher
- Amy Sullivan – Long Term Sub Grade 2 Teacher

Mrs. Friedman introduced new staff at the R.E. Shaw Elementary School:

- Holly Ekstrom – Grade 5 Math and Science Teacher
- Stephanie Hermann – Shaw and Elmwood Speech Pathologist

Mrs. Bennett introduced new staff at the Millbury Junior/Senior High School:

- Jared Bollinger – Physics/Science Teacher
- Paul Daley – Long Term Sub ELA Teacher
- Cristina Smarra – ELA Teacher
- Helen Racine – Reading Specialist

c. Approval of the New York City Music Trip – April 2016 – Vote Required

Mr. Daniel Ferreira requested approval for the Millbury High School Music Department’s trip to New York City with Music in the Parks and Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park scheduled from April 28 through May 1, 2016. An administrator will accompany Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Sullivan, a nurse and four parent volunteers on the trip.

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

Mr. Ferreira noted receiving a Staple’s Community Cares Grant for the music program in the amount of \$5,000.

d. Annual Appointment of Alternate Title II Compliance Officer – Vote Required

Mr. Myers requested to appoint Mrs. Bellville as the Alternate Title II Compliance Officer for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Nietupski requested a motion to approve. Mrs. Vigneau made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Myers noted the addition will be made on the school website and the annual appointment of Compliance Officers and Alternates will be included in future student handbooks.

e. Windle Field Project Update

Mr. Myers referenced recent Millbury graduate, Jessica Sharon, and her multi-year project for improvements to Windle Field. Two students, Millbury sophomores, Gabby Hunt, and All Sharon (Jessica’s sister who attends Blackstone Valley Tech) will be creating a proposal to continue the project with the help of Millbury Town Clerk, Jayne Davolio. Mr. Myers will follow-up with the Committee at a later date.

3. Budget

a. Acceptance of Donations to Shawn Savoie Scholarship – Vote Required

Mr. Bedard noted that Mrs. Robyn Savoie has received donations made out to Millbury Public Schools in memory of her husband, Shawn. She has set up a scholarship fund in memory of Shawn to be used for seniors moving on to higher education with an interest in music or drama. Mr. Bedard recommended the Committee accept these donations along with any future donations and issue payment to the “Shawn Savoie Memorial Scholarship Fund.” Mrs.

Nietupski requested a motion to accept these and any future donations to turn over to Mrs. Savoie for the account held by her for this purpose. Mr. Wilbur made the motion, seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

4. Old Business

5. New Business

a. Senior Final Exams Half Days – Vote Required

Mrs. Nietupski tabled this item to a future meeting.

6. Executive Session

At 7:40 p.m., Mrs. Nietupski made the motion to take a roll call vote to move into Executive Session, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), to discuss strategy options in anticipation of upcoming collective bargaining with the Millbury Teachers' Association.

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Teixeira – yes

Mrs. Vigneau – yes

Mrs. Nietupski – yes

Mr. Plante – yes

Mr. Wilbur - yes

7. Future Topics/Events

a. Review of 2015-2016 District Goals

8. Next Meeting: September 23, 2015 @ Elmwood Street School (6:30 pm Tour/7:00 pm Meeting)

9. Adjourn

The regular meeting session was adjourned following Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Femino

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved:

Kevin Plante

Leshia M. Vigneau

Susan Wilbur

Items in Packet:

Draft of July 9, 2015 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Draft of August 26, 2015 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Information and Itinerary on MHS Music Department Trip to NYC

Memo from R Bedard dated 9/4/2015 re Acceptance of Donations to Shawn Savoie Memorial Scholarship Fund

Thank you letters (2)