

Millbury School Committee

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Date: September 28, 2016

Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes

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MILLBURY, MASS.

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Elmwood Street School Community Room

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of September 14, 2016

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of September 14, 2016. Mr. Wilbur stated that he could not have seconded the motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 13, 2016 because he was not present at the meeting. It was Mrs. Vigneau who seconded the motion. Mrs. Teixeira made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Plante All in favor (5-0).

2. Report of the Administration

Student Council Report – John Reumann, President and Rachel Hjort, Vice President reported on Homecoming, Best Buddies, and the upcoming Sophomore Ring Dance. They also discussed the high school schedule with Mr. Myers.

Nicholas Lazzaro, Student Advisory Council Representative introduced Allison Drapeau, Secretary, Emily Beaumier, and Dylan England. Nicholas reported that the Advisory Council has established themselves as a club and are looking to set up an account. He also stated that Mrs. Bennett, started a Student Leadership Council, which consists of the head of each club including academic and sports clubs.

Ms. Kate Ryan, Director of Pupil Services, briefed the School Committee on implementing the mid-cycle recommendations from the last coordinated program review. Ms. Ryan stated that the DESE reviewed fifteen areas and of the fifteen, fourteen were considered implemented, one was considered partially implemented. The partially implemented item is regarding IEP timelines not being met. Ms. Ryan stated that this item has been addressed. Ms. Ryan gave an update regarding special education grants. Ms. Ryan reported on the new regulations for how students qualify for the McKinney-Vento Act.

Ms. Ryan reported that last year the District had 61 English Language Learners at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year there were 68 English Language Learners. This year preliminary numbers shows that we are in the 70's.

Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum reported that 11 families have been approved by the district to homeschool their children for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a total of 17 students. Mrs. Bellville stated that she is working with two other families to formulate a plan for approval.

Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum, provided a PowerPoint and an overview of the District's MCAS and PARCC results. Mrs. Bellville highlighted trends across grade levels and cohorts. She also compared Millbury's scores to state average. Mrs. Bellville reported on the ongoing and proposed interventions designed to improve student success.

3. Budget

During the tour of the Elmwood Street School, Judy Bastarache showed the School Committee the many items that were purchased for the library using the funds from the Betty Hedlund Memorial Fund. Mr. Bedard recommended that the School Committee accept the donations from the Betty Hedlund Memorial Fund. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to approve the donations. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept the donations and Mr. Plante seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0). Mr. Bedard reported that more donations may be made and that he would keep the School Committee updated of any new donations.

4. New Business

Mrs. Vigneau stated that she would continue on as a representative for Community Service Learning Grants. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion for Mrs. Vigneau to remain as the representative. Mrs. Teixeira made a motion and Mr. Plante seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Myers stated that the enrollment for this school year has increased by approximately 100 students. He stated that he would update the Committee on school enrollment throughout the year due to the fact that School Choice is something that the School Committee is researching. He also stated that he will be meeting with the Millbury Town Planner to discuss house building permits, and new home construction.

Mr. Myers reported on Resource Allocation and District Action Reports (RADAR), which is a two year pilot program. Programs presently being used will be looked at for their effectiveness. RADAR will analyze the programs and determine if they need replacement or may just need to be tweaked. This program will help to drive the budget in the right direction.

5. Next Meeting: October 12, 2016 – Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Media Center 7:00pm

6. Adjourn

At 8:40 pm Mrs. Nietupski requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Wilbur and it was seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

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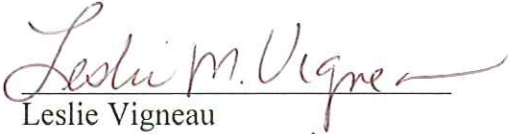
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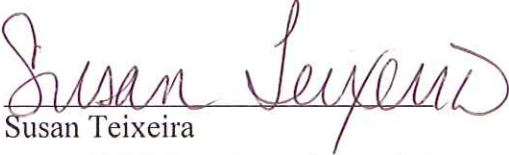
Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson



Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson



Leslie Vigneau



Susan Teixeira

Christopher Wilbur

Items in Packet:

Draft of Regular Session Minutes of September 14, 2016
Superintendent's Report
K. Ryan - Coordinated Program Review
K. Ryan - Amendments to the McKinney-Vento
K. Ryan - Coordinated Program Review Mid-Cycle Report

Handouts at the Meeting:

District Improvement Plan
J. Bellville - MCAS/PARCC 2016 PowerPoint