

**Millbury School Committee Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes**

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Date: October 28, 2015

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
Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: R.E. Shaw Elementary School Media Center

Mrs. Friedman provided a tour of the Shaw School beginning at 6:40 p.m. Town Manager, Bob Spain and Board of Selectmen member Sandy Cristo also attended to learn more about the school's building deficiencies.

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of October 14, 2015 and Executive Session Minutes of September 23 and October 14, 2015

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of October 14, 2015. Mr. Plante made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All in favor (5-0).

Mrs. Nietupski noted corrections to the Executive Session Minutes of September 23, 2015 were addressed in Executive Session. Mr. Wilbur made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

Mrs. Nietupski noted any changes, additions or deletions to the Executive Session Minutes of October 14, 2015 will have to be made in Executive Session. Mrs. Teixeira made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All in favor (5-0).

2. Report of the Administration

a. Student Council Report

Millbury juniors John Reumann and Angelina DiDomenica updated the Committee on recent and upcoming events at the Millbury Junior Senior High School.

b. Review of the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative (SWCEC) 1st Quarter Report with SWCEC Executive Director, Elizabeth Fitzmaurice

Mr. Myers welcomed Mrs. Beth Fitzmaurice, Executive Director of the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative to the meeting. Mrs. Fitzmaurice provided an overview of the services offered by SWCEC to member districts through a PowerPoint presentation. In addition to placement for handicapped students, contract services and professional development are offered to member districts to support education to all students. Millbury is one of fifteen members of the SWCED.

An Open House celebrating SWCEC's 40th Anniversary is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

c. Commissioner's Suggestion Regarding Assessment

Mr. Myers reported to the Committee on the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education's recent recommendation to consider adopting the "MCAS 2.0," a new test that incorporates the best of MCAS and PARCC. A decision will be made on November 17th and the Committee will be updated following that announcement.

d. Restraint Policy – First Reading

Mr. Myers invited Kate Ryan, Director of Pupil Services, to provide an overview of the amended regulations from DESE that warrant revisions to our current Restraint Policy to take effect on January 1, 2016. Ms. Ryan defined the different forms of restraint under 603 C.M.R. 46.00 and the measures being taken in the District to abide by these regulations. All staff will participate in a review of the regulations on November 3rd. Ms. Ryan is also seeking to present the regulations personally with bus drivers for the District. New hires going forward will be trained on Safe Schools. The regulations will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Ms. Ryan noted two other announcements:

- Special Education Parents' Advisory Council (SEPAC) meeting will be held on November 12, 2015 at the Elmwood Street School Community Room from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- The Federation for Children with Special Needs will present a workshop on Basic Rights in Special Education on January 7, 2016 in the Elmwood Street School Community Room from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Ms. Ryan reported the District services 62 students in ELL this year: 30 at Elmwood, 17 at Shaw and 15 at the Junior/Senior high. This number consists of 16 different languages including Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish and Vietnamese as the four major languages. ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners) testing will begin in January of 2016.

Safety Update

Mr. Myers updated the Committee on the recent full scale lockdown and relocation drill at the Elmwood Street School held on Friday, October 23rd. Millbury police and fire departments participated in this drill which was well communicated to the community prior to the event. A parent information night with our SRO to debrief about the drill and provide safety initiatives for our younger students is being planned. Similar drills will follow for Shaw and Millbury High School.

3. Budget

a. FY2015 DESE End of Year Financial Report

Mr. Bedard reported to the Committee the FY2015 DESE End of Year Financial Report has been submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The report is available in its entirety at the superintendent's office.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Executive Session

At 8:10p.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), 3, to discuss strategy options in anticipation of upcoming collective bargaining with the Millbury Teachers' Association.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilbur – yes

Mr. Plante – yes

Mrs. Nietupski – yes

Mrs. Vigneau – yes

Mrs. Teixeira - yes

7. Future Topics/Events

a. Senior Final Exams Half Days – Vote Required

b. PARCC/MCAS Update

**8. Next Meeting: November 18, 2015 – MHS (6:30 p.m. Tour / 7:00 p.m. Meeting)
December 9, 2015 – MHS Media Center / 7:00 p.m.**

9. Adjourn

The regular meeting session was adjourned following Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved:

Jennifer B. Nietupski
Kevin Plante

Leshia M. Vigneau

Susan Teixeira
Christy Quinn

Items in Packet:

Draft of October 14, 2015 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Draft of October 14, 2015 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

SWCEC 1st Quarter Report

DESE Press Release 10.20.2015

Physical Restraint and Seclusion Regulations and Procedures

Flyers for SEPAC Meetings