

Millbury School Committee

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Date: January 11, 2017

Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes

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
Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Student Advisory Council Representative
Mrs. Bennett, High School Principal, Mrs. Friedman, Shaw School Principal, Mr. Hall,
Elmwood Street School Principal,

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: High School Media Center

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mr. Myers made a brief statement regarding the passing of High School English teacher, Mr. Tom Reilly followed by a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of November 30, 2016. Mr. Wilbur stated that Mr. Plante name was misspelled. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of November 30, 2016 with that correction. Mr. Plante made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All in favor (5-0).

2. Report of the Administration

a. SWCEC Annual Report

Mr. Myers stated that Quarterly and annual updates are required in accordance with MGL CH 40 §E(c), which states that "each member of the board of directors shall be responsible for providing information and updates on the activities of the collaborative on a quarterly basis to the member's appointing school committee...at an open meeting. He also stated that for the first time since he has been a member there were no findings at the annual audit. He also stated that they were financially healthy.

b. Camp Bournedale Overnight Field Trip

Mrs. Friedman, Principal of the Shaw Elementary School asked the School Committee to consider approving the Millbury tradition of grade 6 students attending a four day overnight field trip in Plymouth, MA from April 4-7. Mrs. Friedman also stated that she would like to acknowledge the Millbury Savings Bank, the Michael Fresolo Foundation, the Greater Worcester Foundation, the Millbury Youth Center and the Aspinwall family for their continued support in helping students in financial need attend the trip. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to approve the overnight field trip to

Camp Bournedale for the 2017 school year. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (5-0).

c. Mr. Rogers Neighborhood

Mrs. Friedman stated that the garden called Mr. Rogers Neighborhood looks wonderful with the help of Ms. Linda Lachance, Mrs. Jackie Nelson and Mr. Ripp. She stated that she would also like to thank Mr. William Emmett for the donation and delivery of mulch.

3. Budget

a. Regular Day School Bus Transportation Three Year Bid

Mr. Bedard stated that thirteen bids were sent out and that we received one bid from AA Transportation Company our current transportation provider. He stated that the expiring contract has a price per bus, per day of \$368.00 and the new bid price for FY2018 per bus per day is \$377.00 which represents a 2.4 percent increase. He also stated that part of the lower percentage increase is due to the reduction of the school year from 183 days to 182. The School Committee expressed their concern that only one bid was submitted for the contract and that the cost increases by \$85,000 over the next three years. Mr. Bedard stated that the state is starting to look into school departments receiving only one bid for their transportation. Mr. Bedard stated that he recommended that the School Committee approve the awarding of the bus contract to AA Transportation Co. for the next three years at the stated bid prices. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion to award the bus contract to AA Transportation Co. for the next three years at the stated bid prices. Mrs. Teixeira seconded the motion. All approved (5-0).

b. FY 2018 Proposed School Budget

Mr. Myers presented a PowerPoint overview of the FY2018 Proposed School Budget, including a general description of increase in each major category and a description of the budget's programmatic assumptions. He stated that the FY 2018 proposed budget reflects a 4.12% increase over the FY 2017 final budget. Mr. Myers stated that to keep within the range set by the School Committee for class sizes in grades K through 3 a new kindergarten and grade 3 teacher would have to be hired. He also stated that the Elmwood Street School would like a Grades K through 3 STEAM Teacher/Coach. Mr. Myers stated that some positions that were cut to part time in the past and need to be restored to full time, the Jr. /Sr. High School Guidance Counselor and a Grade 7-12 Math Teacher. The Shaw School will need to hire a new Special Education Teacher to allow the transition to a co-teaching model in grades 4 through 6 and would like to restore two part time Title I Tutors. Mr. Myers stated that it would be beneficial for athletes to hire an Athletic Trainer for 250 hours per season. The district would also like to restore a district wide maintenance position to full time.

Mr. Bedard described the budget's financial assumptions. He explained salaries, the special education budget, transportation costs and utilities and how each effected the budget. He explained how the seven retirement salaries will affect the budget. He also explained that he moved paying some instructional assistants from a grant and that there was actually a retirement system hargethat needed to be paid to use this grant for salaries so he explained that now the instructional assistants are paid from the budget and special education transportation is paid for from that grant.

Mrs. Nietupski asked if the school department will be submitting any warrant articles. Mr. Bedard stated that resurfacing the gym floor in the high school was something that needed to be done and would cost around \$26,000 but the plans were to use the left over funds from the Elmwood Street Boiler Project so additional funds would not be necessary. He also stated that he had put funds aside to

repair any faucets that maybe found actionable during the lead and copper testing. However, the results from testing all three buildings was found negative and there was nothing actionable.

4. Old Business

a. Field Subcommittee Update

Mr. Wilbur stated that they are investigating using the Elmwood Street School for new fields rather than Windle Field and are waiting for the proposal to come back from Gale.

5. New Business

Nothing to report.

6. Next Meeting: January 25, 2017 – MHS Media Center 7:00pm

Mrs. Nietupski stated that she would like to vote to move into executive session in accordance with MGL CH 30A S.21(a) 3 for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Millbury Teachers' Association including a review of proposed changes to the Contract's reduction in force language to ensure compliance with MGL Ch.71 §42. Mrs. Nietupski stated that they would move back into the open meeting to adjourn but nothing else would be discussed.

Mrs. Teixeira – Yes

Mrs. Vigneau – Yes

Mr. Plante – Yes

Mr. Wilbur – Yes

Mrs. Nietupski – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

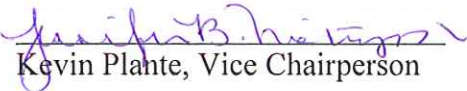
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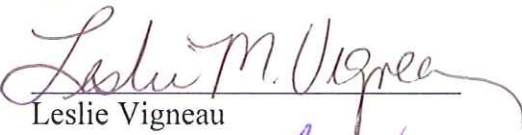
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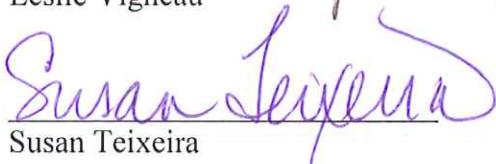
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Approved:


Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson


Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson


Leslie Vigneau


Susan Teixeira


Christopher Wilbur

Items in Packet:

- Draft of Regular Session Minutes of December 14, 2018
- Superintendent's Report
- Memo – Regular Day School Bus Transportation
- Letter – Camp Bourmedale
- SWCEC Annual Report
- Parent's Club spreadsheet
- Thank you letter to Mr. Jeffrey Kozlowski
- FY2018 Budget
- District Newsletter – January 2017

Handouts

- Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71 §42
- Article XXI – Reduction in Force
- Lead and Copper Results Letter