

Millbury School Committee

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Date: February 15, 2017

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Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes

MILLBURY, MASS.

Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson, Mr. Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Teixeira, Mr. Wilbur
Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Bedard, Business Manager
Mrs. Bellville, Director of Curriculum,
Mrs. Miriam Friedman, Principal Shaw School
Mr. Andy Hall, Principal Elmwood Street School
Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Student Advisory Council Representative

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: High School Media Center

A moment of silence for first grade student, Peter Anderson from the Elmwood Street School, who passed away unexpectedly.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Nietupski opened the Public Hearing for the FY2018 School Budget at 7:05pm. Mrs. Nietupski asked for any comments or questions regarding the FY2018 School Budget. Mrs. Nieptuski closed the Public Hearing.

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of February 1, 2017.

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of February 1, 2017. Mr. Plante made a motion to accept the minutes of February 1, 2017 and it was seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (4-0-1).

2. Report of the Administration

a. Report of the Student Council

Rachel Hjort and McKenna Kennedy updated the School Committee on recent and upcoming school events.

b. Project 351

Mr. Myers introduced Keegan Gleason class of 2021 chosen by his teachers as the ambassador for this year's Project 351. Project 351 was founded by the Patrick Administration in 2011, Project 351 unites 8th graders from every city and town in Massachusetts with the purpose of "building a rising generation of service leaders who strengthen our commonwealth with vision, skill, kindness, and compassion." After a YouTube Presentation Keegan spoke about his experiences at the kickoff event on Saturday, January 14th and he also reported on upcoming events.

c. MSBA Vote Regarding the Raymond E. Shaw Elementary School

Mr. Myers stated that today the MSBA's Board of Trustees approved seventeen schools to go forward in the Statement of Interest process and the Raymond E. Shaw Elementary School was among the

approved schools. The MSBA has assigned us a liaison. The next step will be getting funding for the feasibility study. Mr. Myers stated that on March 1, 2017 at a special meeting, he along with Mr. Bedard will present and provide the rationale behind the feasibility budget and consideration for the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Myers stated that the MSBA would like us to provide three options for their consideration:

1. Provide pros and cons of a renovation.
2. Armed with the District's enrollment numbers and new housing developments the district will provide pros and cons of a renovation with an addition.
3. Provide them with the rationale of a new build.

Mr. Myers also stated that the MSBA has provided us with a timeline of the steps needed in this initial process.

d. Curriculum Update

Mrs. Bellville gave an update on professional development. She stated that Mrs. Coleen Debari is teaching a SEI Endorsement Class free for Millbury teachers. She also gave an update regarding the Mentoring Program and the upcoming professional development day. Mrs. Bellville reported on how well curriculum mapping is being used across the district.

e. Shaw School Data Meeting Update

Mr. John Mistretta, STEAM Coach and Mrs. Cheryl Schonberg, Literacy Coach reported how teachers are using assessment data to identify and develop interventions for individual students in need of support. This update supports the School Committee's second goal (*Ensure that data is used to effectively support student growth and achievement.*)

f. Update/Status of Snow Days Used

Mr. Myers stated that as of today, February 15, 2017, we have cancelled school twice due to inclement weather and have delayed the opening of school three times: December 12th, January 12th and 18th. Last year, the district cancelled school twice and in 2014-2015 the District had five cancellations. As of today, the last day of school will be Tuesday, June 13th.

3. Budget

a. FY2017 Expenditures Update

Mr. Bedard updated the School Committee on the expenditures to date for the FY2017.

b. Approval of the FY2018 School Budget

There were no comments or questions regarding the FY2018 School Budget. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to approve the FY2018 for \$21,392,008 after the \$106,511 Medicaid Reduction. Mr. Plante made a motion to approve the FY2018 Budget and it was seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All approved (5-0).

c. Acceptance of Donation from an Anonymous Donor

Mr. Bedard stated that Mr. Myers received a letter from Attorney Keenan regarding a \$50,000 donation from an anonymous donor to be used for the Elmwood Street School. All School Committee members were very appreciative of this substantial donation. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to accept the anonymous donation. Mrs. Vigneau made a motion to accept the donation and Mrs. Teixeira seconded the motion. All approved (5-0).

d. May 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Bedard stated that there are three additional warrant articles. Two warrant articles were approved at the February 1, 2017 School Committee Meeting. The first article is the School Department Medicaid Warrant Article for \$106,511. The second warrant article is the School Department Windle Field Field

House and Bathroom Renovation Project Warrant Article for \$30,000. This will allow the school district to replace the kitchen sink and kitchen hot water tank along with making the bathroom ADA compliance. The third article is the School Department Commercial Lawn Tractor Warrant Article for \$52,900.00. This would be for a John Deere Turbo Series II tractor.

Mr. Plante made a motion to approve the Medicaid Warrant Article and it was seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All in favor (5-0).

Mrs. Teixeira made a motion to approve the School Department Windle Field Field House and Bathroom Warrant Article and Mr. Wilbur seconded the motion. All approved (5-0).

Mrs. Teixeira made a motion to approve the School Department Commercial Lawn Tractor Warrant Article and is was seconded by Mr. Plante. All in favor (5-0).

4. Old Business

a. Policy Subcommittee Update

The last Policy Subcommittee meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next meeting will take place on March 15th.

5. New Business

6. Next Meeting:

March 1, 2017 Special Meeting - Warrant Article for Feasibility Study 6:00 pm
Executive Session - Negotiation with the SEIU at Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Media Center
6:15pm
March 8, 2017 Regular Meeting at Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Media Center 7:00pm
March 15, 2017 Policy Subcommittee Superintendent's Conference Room 5:00pm

7. Adjourn

Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All in favor (5-0).


Respectfully submitted,

Donna Freitas

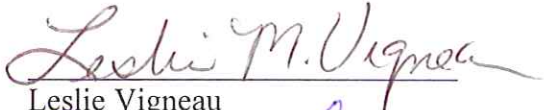
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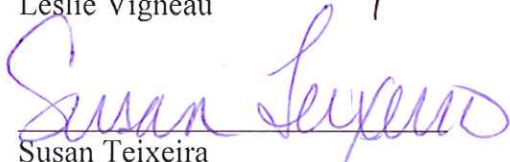
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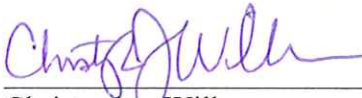
Approved:


Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson

Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson


Leslie Vigneau


Susan Teixeira


Christopher Wilbur

Items in Packet:

- Minutes from February 1, 2017
- Superintendent's Comments
- School Committee Draft FY2018
- FY2017 Expenditure Report
- Letter from Attorney Keenan
- FY2018 School Department ATM Warrant Articles
- Handouts
- Superintendent's Comments