

Millbury School Committee

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Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes

MILLBURY, MASS.

Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson, Mr. Plante, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Teixeira
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

Absent: Mr. Wilbur

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: High School Media Center

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of November 9, 2016.

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions to the Regular Session Minutes of November 9, 2016. Mrs. Nietupski stated that there are two corrections - students in grades 4-12 essays' must be 4 full pages changed from 3-12 and to delete the second time for the adjournment of the meeting. Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of November 9, 2016 with the corrections. Mrs. Plante made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Vigneau. All in favor (3-0-1).

2. Report of the Administration

a. Assabet Valley Collaborate Quarterly Report

Mr. Myers updated the School Committee on the terrific services for students and staff provided by Assabet Valley Collaborate. He also noted that as part of their annual auditing process, an independent firm reviewed Assabet Valley Collaborate's financial information and made no findings (a "clean audit). I am happy to again to say that the Collaborative continues to serve students very well, is very well managed and is in excellent financial shape. Mr. Myers stated that the Collaborative is currently negotiating the purchase of additional office space in Marlborough where the former MESPA office was located at 28 Lord Road in order to deliver additional professional development and training opportunities to districts. Mr. Myers stated that when this plan is set he will come to the School Committee for final approval.

b. Class Size Update

Mr. Myers stated that he included in the School Committee packets the breakdown of the District's current class size data as of November 1st, which could be a resource for the Committee as they prepare for the discussion regarding class sizes at the December 14, 2016 meeting.

c. School Safety Update

Officer Nikki Oliveri updated the School Committee on the status of the school safety initiatives and the ongoing efforts to further improve student and staff safety at each school. She pointed out a few areas of concerns and resolutions throughout the District. She stated that rally points in the schools were confidential and could not be disclosed on television. Officer Nikki also stated that two years ago Millbury was behind other towns regarding safety procedures and now Millbury is way ahead of other towns. She also stated that Shaw and Elmwood Schools have some issues regarding pedestrian traffic. She stated that it is mostly at Shaw with people cutting through to get to the mall. Officer Nikki stated that a few large “No Trespassing” signs may help.

Officer Nikki reported on the many activities she is involved in with the schools. Woolies and donuts at the Elmwood Street School, the Lunch Bunch at Shaw, and leading some classes on alcohol and drug abuse. She also reported that the Police Department is teaming up with Target and fourteen students will be chosen to “Shop with a Cop”. The students will each receive \$100 each to shop for their families. Target will also feed all the students and police officers.

d. Educator Evaluation Update

Mrs. Bellville updated the Committee on recent recommendations from the Educator Evaluation Committee, which is made up of teachers and administrators from across grade levels and schools. The Educator Evaluation Committee formed in 2013 to collaboratively define how best to implement the new Educator Evaluation instrument. This effort led to an initial agreement with the MTA, which was carefully reviewed and revised this fall. The significant changes were:

- Evaluation dates were revised to better meet the needs of teachers and administrators
- Evaluations schedules for non-status teachers were made more consistent
- The Student Impact Rating, which is being reconsidered/negotiated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, will default to moderate as we wait for further DESE clarification on this matter.

The proposed language: Millbury Public Schools and Millbury Teachers’ Association have agreed that all teachers will receive a moderate rating. Teachers may present evidence to their evaluator to be considered for a high rating based on assessment data.

Mr. Myers stated that regarding the Student Learning Impact Rating issue it is very contentious between the Commissioner, the Association of Superintendents, principals and teachers in the state. He stated that no one is convinced that there is a reliable and valid measure to stake someone’s career on and we are looking for a way to count student growth and performance but in a less high stakes way so the proposal is to fold student learning into standard 2 and make it part of a goal, which Millbury already does. Mr. Myers stated that they have agreed to wait and see what the Commissioner does. The MTA is still pushing back as to adding it to standard 2.

Mr. Myers stated that he would like to recognize Angie DiDomenica, a senior and a very talented cross country runner. She was chosen as the female representative of the Southern Worcester County Conference to attend the annual recognition breakfast at the MIAA offices.

Please send a congratulatory letter to Angie DiDomenica on her accomplishment.

Mr. Myers stated that the play at the high school “Comedy of Errors” has been postponed and the new dates are January 6th and 7th at 7:00pm and 2:00 pm on January 8th.

3. Budget

Nothing to report.

4. Old Business

a. Field Subcommittee Update

Mr. Bedard stated that the committee has met three times and the feedback has been constructive. He said that they are looking at the Elmwood Street School Campus along with the high school and Windle field for different options. Mr. Bedard stated that they are exploring the possibility of using the wooded areas at the Elmwood Street School for more playing fields.

5. New Business

Nothing to report.

6. Next Meeting: December 14, 2016 – MHS Media Center 7:00pm

7. Adjourn

At 7:40 pm Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Plante and it was seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All in favor (4-0).

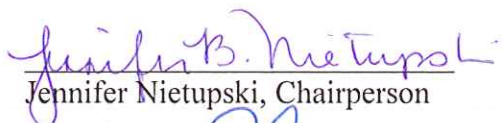
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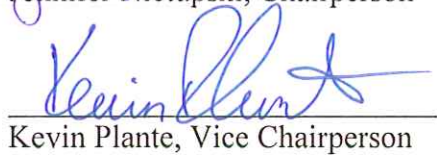
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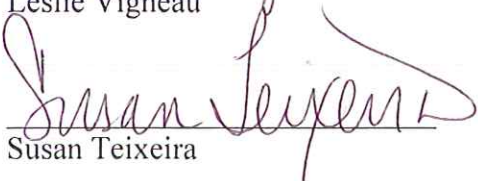
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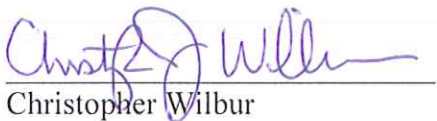
Approved:


Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson


Kevin Plante, Vice Chairperson


Leslie Vigneau


Susan Teixeira


Christopher Wilbur

Items in Packet:

- Draft of Regular Session Minutes of November 30, 2016
- Superintendent's Report
- Assabet Valley Quarterly Report
- Class Size Summaries
- Memo from Jenn Bellville – Proposed changes to Educator Evaluation Contract
- Part IV Model Collective Bargaining Contract Language
- Upcoming Events – December