

Millbury School Committee Minutes

DATE: February 16, 2011

Present: Mrs. Vigneau, Chairperson, Mr. Corey, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Plante, Mr. Clawson, Mrs. Nietupski, Mrs. Hitchcock, Superintendent, Mr. Bedard, Business Administrator, Mr. Joseph Fleming, Interim MHS Principal, Ms. Frederick, Elmwood Principal, Ms. Simanski, R.E. Shaw Principal, Ms. Molnar, Director of Pupil Services

Location: Millbury Memorial Junior/Senior High School

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing on FY 2012 Budget

Mrs. Vigneau opened the public FY 2012 budget hearing at 7:03 P.M.

There were approximately one hundred people in attendance.

Mrs. Hitchcock gave a brief presentation regarding the FY 2012 Budget draft, highlighting the budget on the yellow sheets and the differences from last year on the green sheet.

Mrs. Vigneau opened the floor to questions.

Mr. Bill Borowski spoke on two occasions in support of education and the school budget. Mr. Jeff Lyon, from the Millbury Teachers Association, spoke regarding the importance of the school calendar remaining at 188 days. Mr. Norman Chalupka, teacher at Elmwood, spoke regarding class sizes. Mr. Michael O'Connor, Millbury Finance Committee, spoke regarding town finances, some differences between this year's school budget and last year's and the timeline for the Town Manager's budget. Mr. Bob Brickley(?) spoke in support of education, though he has five children in parochial schools.

Mrs. Vigneau asked for a motion to close the public budget hearing portion of the School Committee Meeting at 8:02 P.M. Mr. Corey made the motion to close, and Mrs. Nietupski seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

Regular School Committee Meeting

FY 2012 School Budget Vote

Mrs. Vigneau then asked for a motion to approve the FY2012 budget in the amount of \$17,699,534 as outlined on the yellow pages' cover sheet. Mr. Corey made a motion to accept and Mr. Plante seconded. All in favor (5-0).

Report of the Administration

School Choice Students

Mrs. Vigneau thanked the Superintendent for supplying information effective January 2, 2011 regarding the 28 Millbury students who enrolled in other public school systems and Charter Schools in the area. She noted the information will be very helpful when deciding on the School Choice vote in the future.

Third Reading of Bullying Prevention Policy - JICFB

Before asking for a vote on the Third Reading of Bullying Prevention Plan, Mrs. Vigneau thanked the administration and teachers in attendance and at home for their time and effort in preparing this plan. Mr. Clawson made a motion to accept the Bullying Prevention Plan as submitted. Mr. Corey seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

Senior Projects

Mrs. Hitchcock stated that twelve seniors have submitted Senior Projects with a variety of topics they have chosen to explore. Each will have an advisor to assist them. The date has not yet been selected for presentation.

MCAS

Mrs. Hitchcock wanted to share results of a meeting with the Commissioner of Education who spoke to about 300 superintendents and indicated that, although he is pressured to push forward the MCAS testing, it is highly unlikely that they would be pushed into April. The reason being is the serious costs that will be affected if the dates are moved. The testing company, Measured Progress, has already set up schedules with evaluators that other states use. She noted the Commissioner stated the possibility of delaying the tests maybe a day or two, but it will not be two weeks. Mrs. Hitchcock mentioned that at some point she may have to make a proposal to the School Committee with regard to instructional days. She noted that our students that are taking MCAS tests have missed five days of full instruction. She noted the Leadership Team will look into the possibility of making up those days, not that she is ready to use April vacation, but potentially, attending school a few Saturdays or perhaps leaving the calendar the way it is.

New Business

Sheriff's Department letter

Mrs. Vigneau noted she received a letter from the Sheriff's Department noting that they are willing to work for us if we provide lunch and materials. She asked Mrs. Hitchcock to please have a thank you note written and to say we will be looking forward to this. Mrs. Hitchcock referred the letter to Mr. Bedard for response.

Mrs. Vigneau noted that approval of the December 7, 2010 Executive Minutes will be voted on at the next School Committee meeting.

Mrs. Vigneau asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M. Mr. Clawson made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Corey seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela O'Toole
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Items in Packets:

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan – Third Reading

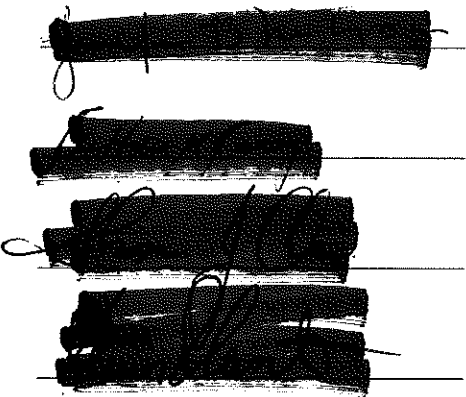
Memo – Senior Project

Congrats Letters to Julie Frankian, Robotics Team, and We the People Team

Draft letter to State Finals Track Team members

Job Posting

Approved:



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