

**Millbury Public Schools
School Committee**

**Regular Session
Meeting Minutes**

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Date: May 25, 2022

Members Mrs. Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson
Present: Mr. Christopher Wilbur, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Julia Lagerholm, Member
Ms. Jessica Bristol, Member
Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Member
Ms. Michelle Cherfils, Student Representative

Administrators Mr. Richard Bedard, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Present: Ms. Elizabeth Boutiette, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Mr. Gregory Myers, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kate Ryan, Director of Pupil Services
Mrs. Abigail Rigney, Assistant Principal, Millbury Memorial Jr./Sr. High School

Presenting Ms. Fatma Albagash ('23)
Guests Mrs. Kayla Barbosa
Ms. Abby Gurevich ('23)
Mr. Patrick O'Leary ('23)

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Nietupski asked for all members and guests to participate in a moment of silence in remembrance of those students and staff members who lost their lives in the Uvalde, Texas school shooting. Mrs. Nietupski also extended a congratulation to Mr. Myers for earning his Doctorate of Education from Boston College.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Bristol motioned to accept the regular session meeting minutes of May 11, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0).

Report of the Administration

- a. Student Council Update
Student Council Representative Patrick O'Leary provided the Committee with an update on recent and upcoming events at the Jr./Sr. High School, including info about the recent Jr/Sr. prom last week at the AC Marriott hotel in Worcester, the drama club's performance of the play "Grease" and the upcoming Commencement for the Class of 2022 on June 3 at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.
- b. Millbury Connections: Student Presentation

Millbury Connections members, Fatma Albagash ('23) and Abby Gurevich ('23), joined by their advisor Mrs. Kayla Barbosa, provided an overview of a new student leadership group at the Jr./Sr. High School: Millbury Connections, which meets monthly during the school day to talk about important issues that relate to the identity of students and culture of our school. There are 20 members who participate in this group. They would like to see more open conversations in the classroom where students will feel comfortable to express their thoughts and opinions.

c. Review of the District's Current COVID-19 infection data & trends in the district

Ms. Ryan informed the committee that there were 82 cases reported to the state this week with a total of 163 cases this month. The district will not be participating in pool testing beginning this summer and will no longer send home "at home" tests.

Finance and Operations

a. Review of the District's revolving Accounts

Mr. Bedard briefed the Committee on the District's twelve revolving accounts. These accounts are "non-budgetary" and can revolve or carry forward into successive fiscal years. Each account receives and expends funds for a specific purpose.

b. Fiscal Year 2023 School Operating Budget

Mr. Bedard reviewed the final FY23 budget, which now includes the \$87,000 reduction necessary to mirror the budget approved at Town Meeting.

Mr. Wilbur motioned to accept the finalized FY23 budget, seconded by Mr. Lazzaro. The motion passed (5-0).

Unfinished Business

a. Report on the Shaw School Building Project

Mr. Myers spoke of the progress at the new school and was happy to share that we are on time and under budget.

Mrs. Lagerholm asked if our school resources officer could attend our next meeting and update the committee on safety plans for the district. Mr. Lazzaro also asked if the schools have participated in lockdown drills. Mr. Myers informed them that Elmwood and Shaw have but the Jr./Sr. High has not.

New Business

a. Annual Review of the Superintendent of Schools


The committee reviewed the evaluation of the superintendent for the school year 2021-2022. Mr. Myers met or exceeded goals and earned an overall rating of *PROFICIENT*.


The Committee spoke of possibly changing the evaluation process next year so as to include more dialogue between each member and the superintendent.

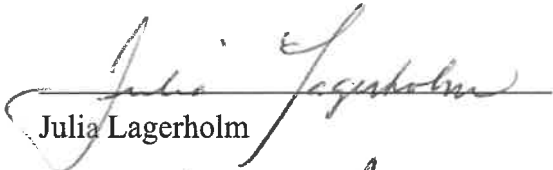
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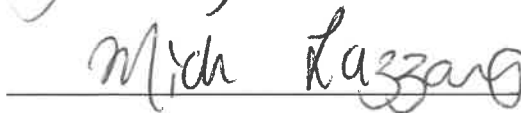
At 8:09 PM, Mrs. Lagerholm motioned to adjourn the regular session without further discussion, seconded by Mr. Lazzaro. The motion passed(5-0).

Approved:


Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson


Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson


Julia Lagerholm


Nicholas Lazzaro

Jessica Bristol