

**Millbury School Committee Meeting  
REGULAR SESSION  
Minutes**

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**Date:** May 8, 2019

**Present:** Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson, Mrs. Teixeira, Mrs. Lagerholm, Mrs. Prior, Mr. Lazzaro, Student Advisory Council Representative, Ms. Ryan, Director of Pupil Services, Mr. Gilrein, Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Lowe, Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Kelly, Human Resource Director, Mrs. Bellville, Curriculum Coordinator, Mr. Bedard, Business Manager, and Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools

**Absent:** Mr. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson

**Location:** Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School Media Center

**Time:** 7:00 pm

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Mrs. Nietupski opened the meeting at 7:58pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Nietupski welcomed Mrs. Prior to the School Committee.

**1. School Committee Reorganization**

Mrs. Nietupski tabled the School Committee reorganization until the next meeting – May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**2. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of April 24, 2019.**

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions, to the Regular Session Minutes of April 24, 2019. Mrs. Lagerholm made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2019 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (3-0-1).

**2. Report of the Administration**

**a. Community Forum – Adolescent Anxiety**

Mrs. Bellville gave a Powerpoint presentation regarding the “Angst” Public Forum, which focused on Social Emotional Learning. Mrs. Bellville stated that she conducted a survey of the 125 people that attended the forum. She stated that the feedback from the survey included other topics that they would like to see addressed in the future such as; Depression, Mental Health Resource Fair, Social Media, More on Anxiety, and Special Needs Tolerance in Plain Sight. Mrs. Bellville presented the trailer from the film “LIKE” which focuses on social media; a topic that will be addressed in the next school year. She also stated that the District will provide more social emotional programs and will also provide more parent information regarding social media.

**b. Blackstone Valley Tech Applications and Acceptances for the 2019-2020 School Year**

Mr. Myers stated that 65 of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders applied and 26 were accepted to Blackstone Valley Tech and of the 26 accepted 21 have decided to attend in the fall. Mr. Myers stated that of the 65 students that applied 8 of them had IEP’s, however none of the students with IEP’s were accepted. The total number of disciplinary incidents of any type was zero of the students accepted. He also stated that the number of accepted students who will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society this June is fourteen students, and the overall attendance rate was excellent for the students accepted. Mr. Myers stated that

the overall class average for the 21 students accepted was 93%. Mr. Myers reviewed the plans of the 2019 high school graduates at Blackstone Valley Tech, he stated that 31.8% will attend a 4-year private college and 47.6 will attend a 4-year public college. Mrs. Teixeira stated that apprenticeship should be the highest category for the graduates. A discussion took place regarding Millbury Public School's budget verses Blackstone Valley Tech's budget and the fact that Blackstone Valley Tech has a much larger budget to offer many different programs to students. Mr. Myers stated that he has voiced his concern to Senator Moore, Representative Frost, and others that the focus for Blackstone Valley Tech should change to how many job placements for high school graduates are made after graduation not how many students attend 4-year colleges. If this was how Blackstone Valley Tech was evaluated; the school would receive an F. Mr. Myers stated that the open house for Millbury's 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take place on a professional development day so that the students do not lose a day of instructional time. Mr. Myers stated that other superintendents feel the same way, but are reluctant to voice their opinions because the admission criteria for their town may change. He also stated that he has shared his opinion with Dr. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of Blackstone Valley Tech. Mrs. Nietupski stated that he is doing a disservice to students that will not attend college after graduation and will now have to pay to learn a trade, while the tax payers of Millbury have already paid for students to receive this service.

### **3. Budget**

#### **a. HVAC**

Mr. Bedard asked the Committee to approve a one-year contract extension to our HVAC vendor, Renaud HVAC Controls, Inc. through June 30, 2020 with an increase of 4% in regular hourly and overtime pay. Mrs. Teixeira made a motion to approve a one-year contract extension to Renaud HVAC Controls, Inc., seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. All approved (4-0).

Mr. Bedard stated that the House Ways and Means Committee numbers for Chapter 70 for Millbury has increased by \$17,165 and that Millbury's number is \$7,675,624. Mr. Bedard stated that this number is not a final number.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **a. Approval of School Committee MTA Contract 2019-2022 – Vote Required**

Mr. Kelly is representing Mr. David Marciello, Town Manager in the vote to approve the MTA Contract for 2019-2022. There was no discussion. Mrs. Lagerholm made a motion to accept the MTA Contract 2019-2022, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (4-0-1).

#### **b. Jr./Sr. High School Principal Search**

Mr. Myers introduced Mr. Christopher Lowe as the new Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School. Mr. Lowe earned a Bachelor's Degree from University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Master's in Education from American International College. He taught visual arts for the Springfield and Southbridge Public Schools for 11 years and has served as the Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School Assistant Principal since 2016. Mr. Lowe addressed the Committee.

#### **c. Shaw Building Project Update**

Mr. Myers stated that he updated the Town's Department Heads on April 25<sup>th</sup> regarding the Shaw School Project.

Mr. Myers stated that on May 1<sup>st</sup> the Feasibility Committee met to review reports from the working groups. He stated that the Committee voted for a Design/Bid/Build as opposed to a Construction Manager at Risk for the project.

Mr. Myers stated that the next public forum will take place at 7:00pm on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School Media Center.

Mr. Bedard stated that he had extended an invitation to Senator Moore to attend the next MSBA meeting in August and he has accepted.

**d. Curriculum Director Search**

Mr. Myers stated that he has received 32 application for the Curriculum Director position. He stated that Mrs. Bellville has accepted a position at the Taft School in Uxbridge. He stated that he was in the process of created a search committee. Mr. Myers stated that he also posted the Shaw Elementary School Principal position.

**5. New Business**

**a. Set Timeline for Superintendent's Evaluation**

Mrs. Nietupski stated that the Superintendent will submit his evidence on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will submit their comments by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Nietupski will aggregate the evaluation and will be discussed during the June 12<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting. She stated that Mrs. Prior may participate, however her comments will not be used and Mrs. Vigneau may submit her comments.

**6. Executive Session**

**7. Adjourn** – Mrs. Lagerholm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (4-0).

**Next Meeting: May 22, 2019 – MHS Media Center**


Respectfully submitted,


*Donna Freitas*


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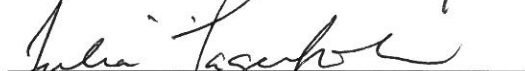
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent


Approved:

  
Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson

  
Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson

  
Susan M. Teixeira

  
Julia Lagerholm

  
Nancy A. Prior

Items in Packet:

Agenda

Regular Minutes 5/8/2019

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