

**Millbury School Committee Meeting
REGULAR SESSION
Minutes**

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Date: September 25, 2019

Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson, Mr. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Teixeira, Mrs. Lagerholm, Mrs. Prior, Ryan Kurkiewicz, Student Council Representative, Mr. Bedard, Business Manager, Ms. Boutiette, Curriculum Coordinator, Ms. Ryan, Director of Special Education, Mr. Lowe, High School Principal, and Mr. Myers, Superintendent

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

Time: 7:00 pm

Mrs. Nietupski opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Mr. Bill Martin, a longtime employee of the Millbury School District.

1. Review and Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of September 11, 2019

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions, to the Regular Session Minutes of September 11, 2019. Mrs. Lagerholm made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Prior. All approved (5-0).

2. Review and Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of September 11, 2019

Mrs. Nietupski asked for any changes, additions or deletions, to the Executive Session Minutes of September 11, 2019. She stated that if any changes, additions, or deletions are needed they must be done in Executive Session. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve the Executive minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Prior. All approved (5-0).

3. Report of the Administration

a. Welcome to Ryan Kurkiewicz

Mr. Myers introduced Ryan Kurkiewicz, a senior as the new Student Council Representative to the School Committee as the new Student School Committee Representative.

b. Update of Homeschooled Students in Millbury

Ms. Boutiette stated that there are thirteen homeschool students in Millbury. She stated that one of the homeschooled students is enrolled in an international program, which is exceptional. Ms. Boutiette stated that each family that chooses to homeschool their child must submit a letter including the curriculum plan that will be used. She also stated that homeschooled students are allowed to participate in all afterschool activities sponsored by the high school. Ms. Boutiette stated that progress reports are submitted by the families. Mrs. Lagerholm inquired about the school district making home visits. It was decided that face to face meetings with the families that choose to homeschool their children and Ms. Boutiette will be requested.

c. Millbury Students Attending Blackstone Valley Technical Regional School

Mr. Myers stated that approximately 850 applications were submitted from 13 member communities. A maximum of 315 students can be accepted to the freshman class. He stated that 65 students from

Millbury applied to Blackstone Valley Technical School, eight students with IEP's applied, zero students with IEP's were accepted, five students with 504's applied, three were accepted. Mr. Myers stated that changes were made to the admissions policy. Specifically, five points were taken away from academics and moved to the interview section from the criteria that is used for student acceptance per the admissions policy. Mr. Myers stated that interview points scored are not disclosed. He also stated the 8th grade students will tour Blackstone Valley Technical High School on October 10th, which is a half day of school in Millbury. The students will leave at 11:30am and will not miss any academics. It was decided that a survey will be sent to 8th grade students asking why they choose to apply to Blackstone Valley Tech. A discussion took place regarding meeting with Mr. Chet Hanratty, Blackstone Valley Tech's School Committee representative for Millbury.

d. Fiscal Year 2020 Grants

Ms. Ryan stated that the 240 Grant – IDEA Federal Special Education Entitlement Grant (through DESE) is to provide funds to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive FAPE that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs. The total amount of the grant is \$442,975, which is a decrease of \$139 from last year. She stated that \$47,538 is used for salaries and benefits including .33 FTE of the Special Education Director and .30 FTE of a special education clerk, \$382,226 has been allocated for special education transportation, \$2,000 has been allocated for testing materials, and the remaining \$11,211 will be used to provide contractual services and professional development. Ms. Ryan stated that districts are required to allocate funds to support private schools and homeschooled students in the district with disabilities. This year the proportionate share is \$3,800.

Ms. Ryan stated that the 262 Grant – Early Childhood Special Education Entitlement Grant is to provide funds to ensure that eligible 3, 4, and 5 year-old children will receive developmentally appropriate special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs. The total of this grant is \$23,535 which is an increase of \$318 from last year, \$22,583 will be used to support the salaries and benefits of .2 FTE of a preschool teacher and .8 FTE of a Pre-K Instructional Assistant, the remaining \$952 will be used for testing materials specific to this age group.

4. Budget

a. Donation Millbury Democratic Town Committee

Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept \$100.00 from the Democratic Town Committee for the Shaw Media Center, seconded by Mrs. Prior. Approved (4-0). Mrs. Nietupski abstained.

b. Donation to MHS Athletics in Memory of Michael Schold

Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept \$1,450 for MHS athletics, seconded by Mrs. Prior. All approved (5-0).

c. 2020-2021 Budget Timeline

Mr. Bedard stated that individual school budgets are required to be completed and sent to Central Office before Thanksgiving. He also stated that a Public Hearing will be held on February 26, 2020. Mrs. Nietupski asked that this timeline be mailed to all the Board of Selectman members.

Additional Item: Mr. Bedard stated the Student Opportunity Act made a \$1.5 billion new investment in Massachusetts public education ensuring public schools have adequate resources to provide a high-quality education to students across the state, regardless of zip code or income level. He stated that this bill fully implements the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission to ensure that the school

funding formula provides adequate and equitable funding across the state. Mr. Bedard stated that he will provide additional information in the next School Committee packet.

5. Old Business

a. Policy JLCD

Mr. Myers stated that Policy JLCD Administering Medicines to Students has been added to the Millbury School Committee Policy on the website.

b. Amendment to the School Committee Meeting Calendar

Mrs. Lagerholm made a motion to amend the School Committee Meeting Calendar by changing the School Committee meeting scheduled for April 22nd to April 29th, seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (5-0).

c. Field Renovation Project Update

Mr. Myers informed the School Committee that the Booster Club along with Mr. Mara has created an information tri-fold. A discussion took place regarding if additional working hours will be needed to maintain the new fields at the high school. Mr. Bedard stated that he did not think that would be necessary due to the nature of the synthetic fields.

d. Shaw School Project Update

Mr. Myers stated that with the support of our junior/senior high school business teacher Mrs. Christina Foley, we launched a new website to help share information about the building project with the public. He also stated that members of the Building Committee attended Back-to-School nights to share information with parents at both Elmwood Street School and Shaw School. Mr. Myers stated that a mailer has been created for the Building Committee to review and send to all Millbury residents. A discussion took place regarding the vote for the Shaw School Project and what would happen if the project did not pass. He also stated that a public forum will be held on November 7, 2019 at 6:30pm in the high school media center.

6. New Business

a. Appointment of School Committee Representative to the Master Plan Committee

Mr. Myers stated that the School Committee Representative to the Master Plan was previously held by Mrs. Vigneau. The School Committee agreed to table this appointment until an amount of time for this commitment is established.

b. Appointment of School Committee Representative to the Community Service Learning Committee

Mr. Myers stated that the School Committee Representative to the Community Service Learning Committee was previously held by Mrs. Vigneau. The School Committee agreed to table this appointment until an amount of time for this commitment is established.

c. Superintendent Goals

Mr. Myers presented his goals to the School Committee for approval.

- Goal 1 – Budget Development
- Goal 2 – Raymond E. Shaw Building Project
- Goal 3 – Supervision and Evaluation
- Goal 4 – School Safety
- Goal 5 – Boston College Graduate Coursework

Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept the Superintendent's Goals for 2019-2020, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. All approved. (5-0).

d. Later Start Times

Mr. Myers stated that for the School Committee's fourth goal to consider the benefits and drawbacks of later school start times. Mr. Myers stated that he had included available research on later start times. Mrs. Nietupski stated that Mr. Myers will assign research articles to each member.

7. Executive Session

8. Adjourn – Mr. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, seconded by Mrs. Prior. All approved (5-0).

Next Meeting – October 9, 2019 Elmwood Street School STEAM Room

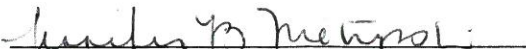
Respectfully submitted,

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

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