

**Millbury Public Schools  
School Committee**

*Regular Session  
Meeting Minutes*

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Date: June 24, 2020

Present: Mrs. Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson  
Mr. Chris Wilbur, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Sue Teixeira, Member  
Mrs. Julia Lagerholm, Member  
Mr. Nick Lazzaro, Member  
Mr. Jeffrey Lyons, MHS Teacher, MTA President  
Ms. Kate Ryan, Director of Special Education  
Ms. Lizz Boutiette, Curriculum Coordinator  
Mr. Rick Bedard, School Business Manager  
Mr. Greg Myers, Superintendent of Schools

Location: This meeting was held virtually using Zoom. The Zoom invitation link was included on the meeting agenda, which was posted publicly.

Time: 7:00pm

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Mrs. Nietupski opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. Regular Session Minutes of June 10, 2020

Mrs. Nietupski noted that minutes of the June 10th meeting should be amended to reflect a roll call vote in favor of accepting meeting minutes from May 27, 2020. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to approve the June 10 meeting minutes with this correction. Motion seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. Mrs. Teixeira - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES, Mr. Wilbur - YES, and Mr. Lazzaro- YES. All approved (5-0).

**2. Report of the Administration**

a. Update on School Choice

Mr. Myers stated that the district has accepted six new school choice students for the upcoming school year and that the current number of school choice students enrolled in Millbury is sixteen.

b. Update of Operations During COVID-19 Closure

Mr. Myers stated that he is still waiting for guidance from Commissioner Jeff Riley regarding the reopening of school and that the School Reopening Advisory Committee's first meeting will take place after we receive this guidance.

Mr. Myers stated that the district loaned over 500 Chromebooks to families during school closure and has begun the process of collecting, cleaning, and upgrading Chromebooks in preparation for the fall.

#### **4. Budget**

a. French River Educational Collaborative Bids - Vote Requested

Mr. Bedard reviewed bids for supplies from the French River Educational Collaborative, which the School Committee considers annually. These supplies include office supplies, copy paper, and some cafeteria supplies. Mr. Bedard stated that the bids were very competitive this year. Mrs. Texieria made a motion to accept the French River Educational Collaborative bids, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. Mrs. Teixeira - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES, Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES. All approved (5-0).

#### **5. Old Business**

a. Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Field Renovation Project

Mr. Myers stated that Green Acres is slightly ahead of schedule and now estimates project completion in mid-October barring unforeseen challenges with ledge, weather, etc. The construction fence will be moved to allow better traffic flow behind the high school during the June 30th election.

Mr. Bedard stated that the amenities building general contractor bids were opened on Wednesday, June 24 at 12:00pm and that the best bid was within the project budget. He stated that Sutman Construction from Oxford was the low bidder.

b. Shaw School Project Update

Mr. Myers stated that the project team presented a detailed design update to the MSBA on June 17 and received very positive feedback. He stated that due to certain relatively minor modifications to the building layout, an updated detailed design submission was provided to the MSBA.

#### **6. New Business**

a. School District Response to Issues of Racism, Equity, and Diversity

Mr. Myers stated that he along with Mr. Lyons, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Lazzaro and Ms. Ryan participated in the recent march in Millbury against racial injustice. The Committee discussed how the district might address the issues of racism, equity, and diversity in school. Mr. Myers, in collaboration with the Assistant Superintendent of Equity, Diversity, and Community Programs in Framingham, is planning for cultural proficiency training for administrators and staff, the formation of an equity steering committee, and community engagement opportunities.

b. Resolution on Covid-19 Expenses - Vote Requested

Mr. Myers stated that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees has requested that the entire MASC membership consider adopting a resolution to address funding for the expenses related to COVID-19, including supplies and equipment needed to help schools reopen safely. The resolution will be sent to Senator Moore, Representative Frost, Governor Baker, Education Secretary Peyser, Senate President Karen Spilka, House Speaker Robert DeLeo if the Committee chooses to accept it. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to accept the adoption of a resolution to address funding for the expenses related to COVID-19, including supplies and equipment needed to help schools reopen safely, second by Mr. Lazzaro. Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES, Mrs. Teixeira - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES. All approved (5-0).

c. Resolution on Social, Economic, and Racial Justice in our Communities - Vote Requested

Mr. Myers stated that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees has requested that the entire MASC membership consider adopting a resolution in response to issues of racism, equity, diversity in the district that have moved to center stage as the result of the events across the country during the last few weeks. If the Committee chooses to accept it, the resolution will be sent to Senator Moore, Representative Frost, Governor Baker, Education Secretary Peyser, Senate President Karen Spilka, House Speaker Robert DeLeo if the Committee chooses to accept it. Mr. Wilbur made a motion for the Committee to accept the adoption of a Resolution on Social, Economic and Racial Justice in our Communities as written, seconded by Mr. Lazzaro. Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES, Mrs. Teixeira - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES. All approved (5-0).

d. "Now More Than Ever" Resolution - Vote Requested

Mr. Jeff Lyons, MTA President, asked the School Committee to support a resolution regarding increased federal and state funding for school staffing and services. The resolution, which was created by the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, will be sent to Senator Moore, Representative Frost, Governor Baker, Senators Markey and Warren and Representative McGovern if the Committee chooses to accept. Mrs. Teixeira made a motion to accept the adoption the Now More Than Ever resolution as written, second by Mr. Lazzaro. Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES, Mrs. Teixeira - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES. All approved (5-0).

e. Second Reading of Proposed Changes to Policies AC (non-discrimination), ACA (Title IX), and ACAB (procedures) - Vote Requested

The School Committee reviewed the proposed amendments to the above policies as required by the Office of Civil Rights. Mrs. Teixeira made a motion to adopt amendments to Policies AC, ACA, and ACAB as written, second by Mr. Wilbur. Mrs. Teixeira - YES, Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES, and Mrs. Nietupski - YES. All approved (5-0).

Mrs. Nietupski reminded the audience that two seats are open on the School Committee and the annual election will take place at the high school on June 30, 2020. She stated that new members must be sworn in by July 6th.

## 7. Executive Session

*The Committee will consider entering Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(A)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with SEIU Local 888 because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.*

Citing a lack of new information to discuss, Mrs. Lagerholm and Mr. Wilbur suggested that an executive session regarding ongoing collective bargaining with SEIU Local 888 is not necessary. The Committee agreed and no executive session was held.

## 8. Future Topics

## 9. Next Meeting: July 6, 2020

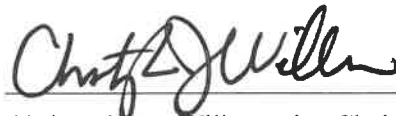
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## 10. Adjourn

Mrs. Teixeira made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES, Mrs. Teixeira - YES. All approved (5-0).

Approved:

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Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson



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Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson

  
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