



## Millbury Public Schools School Committee

### *Regular Session* Meeting Minutes

2021 OCT 14 AM 11:12  
TOWN OF  
MILLBURY, MASS

Date: June 23, 2021

Members Mrs. Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson  
Present: Mrs. Julia Lagerholm, Member  
Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Member

Administrators Mr. Richard Bedard, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Present: Mr. Gregory Myers, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Kate Ryan, Director of Pupil Services

Contributing  
Guests: None

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

Time: 5:00pm

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 5:19PM and led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. Mrs. Lagerholm made a motion to approve the minutes from June 9, 2021, seconded by Mr. Lazzaro. The motion passed (3-0).

### **2. Finance and Operations**

- a. School Transportation - Consideration of Partial Payment for Unused Days  
The Committee supported Mr. Bedard's recommendation to make a partial payment (55%) to our school transportation provider, AA Transportation, for the 23 school days that did not require transportation this year. The practice of making partial payments for unused bussing has been typical in our area during the pandemic. DESE has clarified that these payments are allowable and recommended to proceed in order to maintain bus fleets and personnel readiness. Mr. Bedard stated that Millbury has already made partial payments this year to VanPool, our special education transportation provider through the Assabet Valley Collaborative procurement.

### **3. Unfinished Business**

- a. Report on the Shaw School Building Project

Mr. Myers provide the Committee with the following updates:

1. Students from Elmwood and Shaw have signed a steel beam that will support the roof of the school. The beam will remain exposed after installation and visible from the maker space area on the second floor of the school;
  2. building footings for section C (gym, cafeteria) are being poured;
  3. deficiencies with concrete footings in section A are being corrected based on guidance from project engineers; There were no issues with the footings in B and C
  4. steel is on site and is steel framing has begun in section A;
  5. Utility easements continue to be negotiated with National Grid, who recently changed underground electrical line installation requirements. These new requirements include additional conduit, larger conduit, and the installation of a precast concrete electrical vault;
- b. Annual Review of the Superintendent of Schools
- Mrs. Neitupski shared the aggregated results of the Superintendent's evaluation and opportunities for Committee members to provide feedback on the Superintendent's performance during the 2020-2021 school year. The Committee evaluated that Mr. Myers has made progress in all goals. His communication, commitment to student learning, and support for the students emotional well being are some of the reasons his overall rating is proficient/approaching exemplary. Mrs. Nietupski, Mrs. Lagerholm, and Mr. Lazzaro personally thanked Mr. Myers for his hard work and dedication to the District.

## **5. New Business**

- a. *Me and White Supremacy* Reading Syllabus
- Mr. Myers suggested that this book should become a summer read. He would like the Committee to reconvene on August 26, 2021 prior to the next School Committee meeting to discuss and debrief about their thoughts and ideas about the book. The Committee agreed.
- b. Windle Field: Proposed Improvements
- The Committee considered certain improvements to the Windle Field property. Specifically, the School Department has been approached by two developers who are donating approximately \$50,000 each toward the refurbishment of the Windle Field tennis courts and basketball court. There is also some discussion about potentially installing a walking track around the perimeter of the complex. One of the developers is located on the adjacent Canal Street property. The 19 Canal Street developer is also looking for access to the Windle Field property from his new housing development. The second developer interested in helping is the builder from the former Clear View Golf Course. Mr. Bedard is looking into the cost to design and provide technical specifications for the project and the approximate cost to complete the construction. Early indications are that \$100,000 will not be enough to complete these proposed renovations. The donations have not been received at this point but will likely be closer to \$150,000. Mr. MacCreery also spoke about possibly forming a Tennis Team in the district if these improvements are approved.

Large scale improvements to Windle Field also bring into question the types of usage should be allowed for Windle Field.

**6. Adjourn**

Mrs. Lagerholm motioned to adjourn at 6:20PM, seconded by Mr. Lazzaro. All in favor (3-0).