

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 21, 2020

Board Members

Mr. J. Miller – President  
Mr. Baltazar-Lopez –V. President  
Mr. K. Thompson  
Mr. D. Vezmar  
Mrs. R. Wiley  
Mrs. J. Wylie  
Dr. K. Dickerson, Exec. Secretary

Admin. Present

Dr. Peel  
Dr. Amory  
Mrs. Croce  
Ms. Manges  
Mr. Buford  
Mr. Diaz  
Mrs. Wallace  
Mrs. McKenzie  
Mr. Zoll  
Dr. Kilgore  
Mrs. Forrest  
Dr. Stevenson

Public

S. Whaley  
J. Griffin  
T. Gerken  
M. Sharp  
J. Legg  
K. Conway

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*Media: Brooke Schultz, DE State News, Terry Rogers, Milford Live*

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Miller at 6:01 PM on Monday evening, December 21, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. R. WILEY/SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON** to adjourn into Executive Session. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Returned to Open Session at 7:00PM.**

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. THOMPSON/SECONDED BY MRS. J. WYLIE** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2020 and December 8, 2020 as is. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

***Recognitions***

Dr. Dickerson congratulated 2020 Dental Poster Contest Awardees Jacob Denham (Mispillion Elementary) – Kent County Winner, Madison Bogan (Mispillion Elementary) – Sussex County Winner, Belinay Gungor (Mispillion Elementary) – Honorable Mention and Lindsay Mollura (Lulu Ross Elementary) – Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to Rebecca Wisniewski who will represent Milford High School in the state-level Poetry Out Loud Competition.

Thank you to staff who donated to the Pay it Forward Program led by Ms. Newsome and Mr. Evans. They were able to feed 24 families and many Seniors for Thanksgiving. Thank you to Dolce for supporting our students with toys, clothing, household items and financial donations. Thank you to Toys for Tots (Dover campus) who donated many toys for students and families in the district.

Congratulations to the following fall student-athletes for being named to the All-Henlopen Conference Teams:

**Cross Country:** Girls: Faith Mitchell – 1st Team, Brianna Thompson – 1st Team, Cassidy Willey – 1st Team  
Boys: Conor Sylvester – Honorable Mention

**Soccer (Boys):** Luke Bogan – 1st Team (and 1st Team All-State and Top 11 – first MHS soccer player to be voted Top 11 in the state), Sam Dominguez – 1st Team (and 1st team All State), Manny Carranza – 1st Team (and 3rd team All State), Kirk Hammer – 1st Team, Shaun Chilton – 2nd Team, Aaron Sollie – 2nd Team, Luke Sollie – 2nd Team, Josiah Moore – Honorable Mention, Todd French – Henlopen Conference Coach of the

Year and State Coach of the Year

**Volleyball:** Shelby Ohlig – Honorable Mention

**Football:** Mason Sauers – 1st Team (and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State), Rafael Mejia – 1st Team (and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State), Marquis Gillis – 1st Team defense (and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State defense) and 2nd Team offense, Landen Hajek – 2nd Team, Shawn Saxon – Honorable Mention

**Field Hockey:** Summer Davis – 1st Team (and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State), Olivia Muir – 1st Team, Erin Dunlap – 2nd Team, Paige Reisinger – 2nd Team, Samie Jacona - Honorable Mention

Congratulations to the following fall student-athletes for being recognized Academic All-Henlopen Conference for their academic achievement while participating in athletics:

**Volleyball:** Shelby Ohlig

**Soccer:** Cannon Cline, Ben Hamilton, Kirk Hammer, Alex Mergner, Josiah Moore, Zane Wallace

**Field Hockey:** Summer Davis, Erin Dunlap, Madisyn Hitchens, Samie Jacona, Carley Mackert, Lila Mergner, Melissa Mesidor, Rylee Metzner, Olivia Muir, Paige Reisinger, Eve Sekscinski, Avery Villalobos

**Cross Country:** Spencer Warren, Anya Phillips, Jorja Willey, Cassidy Willey, Dhwit Shah

**Football:** Desmond Aladuge, Benjamin Gusciora, Matthew Hague, DenNare Horsey, Aston Hudson, John Hudson, George Hufnagel, Shawn Saxon, Aaron Sivels, Bryce Wells

Dr. Dickerson recognized the MHS Drama Club for their outstanding performance with their virtual fall production “Tragedians Anonymous”. Dr. Dickerson recognized Ms. Meiklejohn, Theatrical Director, and Mrs. Snyder, Theatrical Producer, for their leadership of the performance and MHS Drama Club students Jocelyn Argo, Bella Caraballo, Ace Davis, Lya Davis, Will Evans, Jakob Faulkner, Abby Lincoln Madison Long, Jacqueline Matias Morales, Keyla Natareno, Hailey Nielson, Samara Noble, Daimi Roblero-Santizo, Ireland Stump, Zach Stutzman, Mystery Villa-Parson, Damon Wills, Rebecca Wisniewski and Mia Demby. The MHS Drama Club also was recognized for an excellent virtual performance, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”, for elementary students. Performers highlighted were Mary Argo, Zachariah Stuzman, Paige Thompson and Rebecca Wisniewski.

Thank you to Hertrich for their donation of \$3,500 for a Mini-Buccaneer Boat Project. This project will launch a ship in the ocean with GPS trackers that will allow students to collect and monitor various data.

## **BUSINESS**

### ***Revenue and Expenditure Report***

**MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MRS. R. WILEY** to approve the Revenue and Expenditure Reports for month ending November 30, 2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### ***Certificate of Necessity Update***

MSD received the final signed Certificate of Necessity (CN) from the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) and the project will be included in the state’s FY22 Bond Bill. The funding is delayed until FY23 and the district, along with other districts, has requested that the state allow the CN to be good for two years.

## **INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PROGRAMS**

### ***Student Learning***

Dr. Amory submitted a draft of an updated Board Policy 1002 Family Involvement Policy for the Board’s first read. As a Title I district, this policy is a federal requirement.

### ***Student Services Update***

Ms. Manges presented regarding DDOE’s annual identification of findings relative to indicators associated with disproportionate representation of students with disabilities. Ms. Manges also provided an overview of the district’s December 1<sup>st</sup> Count for students with disabilities. Mr. Miller stated that Ms. Manges and the Student Services team are doing a phenomenal job.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### ***Ross Asbestos Abatement***

Dr. Stevenson sought approval for the final half of the Ross Asbestos Abatement project. Minor capital improvement money will be used to complete this project.

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. R. WILEY/SECONDED BY MRS. J. WYLIE** to approve the Asbestos Abatement for Ross Elementary as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board wished Dr. Stevenson a happy retirement and thanked him for his service.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

***DSBA Update***

Mr. Miller reported that DSBA did not have a regular meeting. DSBA will be offering virtual trainings for Board members. Mr. Baltazar-Lopez reported that the Legislative Committee did not have a recent meeting.

***Open Area D Board Position***

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BALTAZAR-LOPEZ/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR** to move forward with the process to appoint a Temporary Board Member for Area D. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PERSONNEL**

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – TEMPORARY CONTRACT\*

MCCLARIN, Arianna

Central – Social Studies Teacher

Effective: TBD

SMITH, Jacqueline

High – Secondary School Counselor

Effective: TBD

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT\*

CROWSON, Troy

Banneker – Safety Monitor

Effective: January 11, 2021

BAILEY, Lorenza

High School – Chief Custodian (Temporary Position)

Effective: January 4, 2021

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT - READING TUTOR\*

Recommend for employment contingent upon funding and enrollment:

Mispyllion

BEYARD-KING, Gail

TRANSFER

AYERS, Patricia

From Central Academy Health Sciences Teacher to Mispyllion School Nurse

Effective: TBD

RETIREMENT

DONOVAN, Mark

Morris – Night Lead Custodian/Fireman

Effective: June 1, 2021

Service to MSD: 21 years

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT- 2020 – 2021 LIMITED CONTRACTS

Ross Instructional Coach, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

KNOTTTS, Tina/DAVIS, Michele

\*Employment at Milford School District is contingent upon employment verification, education and other credential verifications, the receipt of satisfactory criminal background and child protection registry checks, and adherence to Milford School District policies.

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. R. WILEY/SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON** that the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented with amendment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BALTAZAR-LOPEZ/SECONDED BY MRS. J. WYLIE** that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Monday, December 20, 2020 adjourn at 7:52PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Kevin Dickerson, Executive Secretary

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Edna Rust, Recording Secretary