

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MAY 18, 2020

Board Members

Mrs. R. Wiley – President
Mrs. J. Purcell –V. President
Mr. R. Baltazar-Lopez
Mr. J. Miller
Mr. K. Thompson -absent
Mr. D. Vezmar
Mrs. J. Wylie -7:05PM
Dr. K. Dickerson, Exec. Secretary

Admin. Present

Dr. Peel
Dr. Amory
Mrs. Croce
Ms. Manges
Dr. Stevenson
Mr. Parsley
Mrs. McKenzie
Dr. Kilgore

Public

S. Whaley
J. Griffin
K. Marvel
C. Bontrager
L. Nailor
P. James
K. O'Brien
E. Rust

*Media: Brooke Schultz, DE State News
Greg Layton, Mispillion Ink
Terry Rogers, Milford Live*

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Wiley at 7:00 PM on Monday evening, May 18, 2020.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to approve the minutes for April 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MR. BALTAZAR-LOPEZ to approve the minutes for the May 5, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Recognition

Dr. Dickerson recognized Lulu Ross teacher Michelle Davis for being a nominee for the Delaware Excellence in Education Award. Congratulations to Milford High School seniors Kally Bennett and Moses Martinez for being named Delaware Secretary of Education Scholars for outstanding academic achievement. Congratulations for Milford Central Academy, Milford High School and Mispillion Elementary for being selected as 2019-2020 Delaware Unified Champion Schools; Benjamin Banneker Elementary and Lulu Ross Elementary were recognized as Unified Champion Schools for 2018-2019. Congratulations to Jen Legg (Morris), Kim Webb (Lulu Ross), Karen Tinsley (Benjamin Banneker), Jen Nichols (Mispillion), Kristin Schlegel (MCA) and Amy Roscoe (MHS) for being named their school's Teacher of the Year. Thank you to Lulu Ross first grader Landon Jones for supporting families throughout the community. Thank you to the Milford School District community for supporting seniors during this time with numerous initiatives. Thank you to Mama Maria for graciously supplying thousands of meal kits to families. Thank you to Senator Wilson, Senator Bonini, Representative Postles and Representative Shupe for funding the paving of Banneker Elementary School's bus parking lot entrance from Community Transportation Funds.

Summer Feeding Programs

The Summer Feeding Programs will continue throughout the summer.

Summer School

The secondary schools will have remote learning for summer school credit and course recovery. The district will begin other summer programming virtually as well but is hoping to be able to offer small group onsite instruction later in the summer for students needing specific support.

BUSINESS

Revenue and Expenditure Reports

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MR. MILLER to approve the Revenue and Expenditure Report as of April 30, 2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

Student Learning

Dr. Amory reported the focus of remote learning is on student engagement and learning with teacher feedback, monitoring of student progress and guidance toward successful student completion of learning opportunities. Regular engagement in and completion of the learning opportunities will enhance the students' final grade for the second semester. The district is cognizant that some students and families have unique circumstances that will impact their ability to be engaged and, for which, the district will need to be flexible with or hold harmless. Dr. Amory shared school grading plans for remote learning. Teachers have continued to work with their building administrators to ensure any student who has demonstrated academic difficulty remains on student support team rosters for monitoring.

Supervisor of Secondary Student Learning

Mr. Parsley, MHS Principal, stated a virtual Senior Awards will be June 9, 2020 at 7:00PM with viewing access through a YouTube link. A Senior Cruise will be held off campus for graduates. Students will walk the green to receive their diploma with scheduled times for each student and family members. Each student's name will be announced, and pictures will be taken. Graduation will be recorded and shown through a YouTube link on Thursday, June 18, at 7PM.

Student Services

Ms. Manges communicated summer programming plans. Ms. Manges reported that 12-month entitlement students will begin academic instruction virtually on June 29. Schools may be able to bring small numbers of students into school toward the end of July or early August. ESY support will be offered virtually based on student needs.

Mr. Baltazar-Lopez mentioned interest for student mental health and inquired regarding plans in place for mental health services. Ms. Manges and Dr. Dickerson shared district mental health resources. The district will also post child abuse prevention and reporting information through social media.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Building, Ground and Operations

MOTION MADE BY MR. MILLER/SECONDED BY MR. BALTAZAR to approve Jerry's Paving for paving the access road (4th street entrance) leading into the Banneker bus parking lot for \$51,686.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Thank you to Senators Dave Wilson and Colin Bonini and Representatives Bryan Shupe and Charles Postles for their help with 100% funding for this project from Community Transportation Funds.

DSBA Updates

Mr. Vezmar shared information, from DSBA, on the recent property reassessment court ruling.

Mr. Miller stated there was no formal discussion at the May meeting. COVID-19 is expected to have a revenue reduction.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS.

A. Personnel Matters – See 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(9)

MOTION MADE BY MR. MILLER/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:55 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR to adjourn Executive Session at 8:33 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PERSONNEL

Personnel Report

RESIGNATION

WHIDBEE, Cleveland

Mispillion – Child Nutrition Manager

Effective: May 10, 2020

Service to MSD: 7 years

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT*

PALMIRA, Jaime

Ross – Special Education Teacher

Effective: August 18, 2020

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – SUMMER SCHOOL

Recommend for employment in summer school, contingent upon funding and enrollment:

Coverdale, Emily

Davis, Courtney

Hamilton, Michele

Feher, Kristina

March, Alexandra

*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 MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MR. MILLER that the Board approve the Personnel Report as written. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Monday, May 18, 2020 adjourn at 8:34 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Kevin Dickerson, Executive Secretary

Edna Rust, Recording Secretary