

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – APRIL 15, 2019  
MILFORD CENTRAL ACADEMY CAFETERIA

Board Members

Mrs. Wiley – President  
Mrs. Dennehy –V. President  
Mr. Miller – entered 6:25PM  
Mrs. Purcell  
Mr, Vezmar – absent  
Mr. Schelhouse  
Dr. Dickerson, Exec. Secretary

Admin. Present

Dr. Peel  
Dr. Amory  
Mrs. Croce  
Dr. Stevenson  
Ms. Manges  
Mr. Snyder  
Mrs. Wallace  
Mrs. Alfaro  
Mrs. McKenzie  
Mrs. Hallman  
Mr. Zoll

Public

S. Whaley      A. Curtis  
E. Severino Ortiz  
T. Chilton      S. Wilt  
C. Brownstein      W. Rosario  
M. Brownstein      A. Brownstein  
M. Chamberlin      K. Thompson  
S. Buford      E. Lang  
R. Evans-Keesler  
I. Evans-Keesler  
M. Dillon      O. Arias  
E. Heredia Rodriquez  
J. Woods      S. Pasmore  
T. Pasmore      D. Pasmore  
K. Wilson      R. Johnson  
E. Bryan      S. Zheng  
L. Perez      B. Ba  
A. Mendes      E. Rust

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The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Wiley at 6:05 PM on Monday evening, April 15, 2019 in the Milford Central Academy Cafeteria.

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE** to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:07 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MRS. PURCELL** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:07 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE** to approve the minutes for the March 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shannon Wilt, MHS 12<sup>th</sup> grade student, proposed the option of learning how to drive a manual transmission in Driver's Education.

## **RECOGNITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Dr. Dickerson asked Ethan Lang to share his decision on his choice of Ivy League colleges. Congratulations to Ethan for choosing Dartmouth College.

### ***Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year***

Tod Van Eyken, Director, introduced Rachael Stevens, Banneker 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, and Paulino Rivera, Mispillion 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, for being selected as the Greater Milford Boys and Girls Club's Youth of the Year. Dr. Dickerson expressed his congratulations to the students and appreciation for the partnership with Mr. Van Eyken and the Boys and Girls Club.

### ***MHS Student Volunteers at MCA in Support of EL Students***

Erin Bryan, MCA ESL teacher, recognized Stephanie De La Cruz Diaz (11<sup>th</sup>), Ximena Flores-Chimalpopoca (10<sup>th</sup>), Elianna Heredia-Reodriguez (11<sup>th</sup>), Perla Mendoza Mendez (8<sup>th</sup>), Roxana Roblero (10<sup>th</sup>), Ennes Severino-Ortiz (10<sup>th</sup>), Shuhong Zheng (12<sup>th</sup>), Brenda Ba, Lisdey Perez, and Mark Chamberlain for their time volunteering to assist MCA's EL students. Dr. Dickerson expressed the appreciation for the students, volunteers, and Ms. Bryan.

### ***Odyssey of the Mind***

Congratulations to Caleb Brownstein (12<sup>th</sup>), Bella Keesler-Evans (10<sup>th</sup>), Welinton Rosario (11<sup>th</sup>), Ry'ana Johnson (11<sup>th</sup>), Delaney Dillon, Bethany Pasmore, and Donny Pasmore for their success in qualifying for their 4<sup>th</sup> trip to the World Finals in May. Thank you to Adam and Molly Brownstein for their coaching the team and Judith Woods for serving as coordinator.

### ***City of Milford***

Keith Short, City of Milford Recreation Superintendent, sent a memo expressing thanks to Ms. Michelle Hamilton, MCA teacher, Mason Foxwell (7<sup>th</sup>), Ben Hamilton (10<sup>th</sup>), Cecelia Kewer (8<sup>th</sup>), Connor Knotts (7<sup>th</sup>), Emerson Lefever (8<sup>th</sup>), Delaney Mitchell (7<sup>th</sup>), Julia Popelas (7<sup>th</sup>), Layna Reynolds (8<sup>th</sup>), Austin Smith (7<sup>th</sup>) and Matthew Winkleblech (8<sup>th</sup>) for volunteering at the Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30.

### ***MP3 Honor Roll***

Congratulations to all the students making honor roll for the third marking period. Banneker Elementary had 301 students, Mispillion Elementary had 338 students, Ross Elementary had 387 students, Central Academy had 454 students, and High School had 425 students.

### ***Applebees Teacher of the Month***

Congratulations to Chris Johnson (MHS teacher) for being selected as Applebees April Teacher of the Month.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

### ***Reports from School Administrators***

Mrs. Jennifer Hallman, Morris Early Childhood Principal, stated the students really enjoyed attending the dedication for the Slaughter Beach Overlook. Morris will host their Spring Festival on May 18, 2019 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Mrs. Lisa Alfaro, Banneker Elementary Assistant Principal, reported the mural in the Bulldog Café looks awesome! Thank you to United Church for providing bagels and coffee to the staff. Congratulation to Katherine Pavlik, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, for being Banneker's Teacher of the Year. Muffins for Moms will be held on Thursday, May 9, at 7 am.

Mrs. Cindy McKenzie, Ross Elementary Principal, stated the Talent Show was well attended. The mentoring program is progressing. The annual Ross Carnival had many families attend on April 13. Thank you to Ms. McKenzie Ivory, MCA teacher, and students for showcasing the farm animals. Congratulations to Karen Fitzpatrick for being Ross's Teacher of the Year. Bagels and coffee will be provided by United Church on Tuesday, April 16, for the staff.

Mrs. Teresa Wallace, Mispillion Elementary Principal, reported a video was made to kick off testing week. United Church provided bagels and coffee to the staff on April 4. Congratulations to Heather Craig-Evans and Lauren Rieley for obtaining a \$5,000 grant from the Lions Club for resources to use for their students. On May 8 Mispillion will compete with Ross in a flag football game. Congratulations to Kristine Blizzard for being Mispillion's Teacher of the Year. The Science Fair will be held on April 17 from 4:30-6:00 pm.

Mr. Gary Zoll, Central Academy Principal, reported MCA will host a Family Night on April 15 from 5:30-7:30 pm. All parents of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited; teachers have planned some amazing activities for this event. The PTP held a successful Quarter Auction on April 12 and MCA is excited for the parental support received this year. Congratulation to Ms. Jessica Rash, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, for being MCA's Teacher of the Year. The Technology Student Association team had success in earning 1<sup>st</sup> place in website and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in solar vehicle project. Del Tech Lunch and Learn events have been successful. The schools of Allied Health, Education, and Agriculture have made presentations to interested 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Town Council honored the JDG Club for their community service at a recent meeting. MCA will have a six period schedule next school year; classes will be 58 minutes long. Students will have math, science, social studies, and English Language Arts with two expressive classes every day.

Mr. Shawn Snyder, High School Principal, stated Taylor Hogan and Cindy Lin, MHS's top students for the Class of 2019, were recognized at the Delaware Scholars Dinner. Congratulations to Mrs. Molly Chorman for being the Teacher of the year. The Jazz Band performed for the students at Morris Early Childhood. Students are taking advantage of the TeenSHARP program offered at MHS. This program helps students access colleges and ensures they are ready to lead in all settings. Forty students attended the Summit for Pathways to Success. A senior signing day is scheduled for May 8 at 8 am.

Dr. Dickerson stated anyone interested in applying for the School Board Vacancy needs to apply by May 10, 2019. This temporary term is for one year for the 2019-2020 school year.

***DSBA – Delaware School Board Association***

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MRS. PURCELL** to join Delaware School Board Association (DSBA) for the 2019-2020 school year. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***Milford Middle School (Lakeview Property) Committee Update***

Dr. Dickerson and Mrs. Croce reviewed the information presented at the April 2 Milford Middle School meeting. The Committee will present a recommendation for the Lakeview Avenue site at the May 20 Board Meeting.

**BUSINESS**

***Revenue and Expenditure Report***

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY** to approve the Revenue and Expenditure Report as of March 31, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***DOE Financial Position Report***

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE** to approve the DOE Financial Position Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***Legislative Issues***

Mrs. Croce provided updates on recent legislation relating to education. The updates included the recent passage of House Bill 11, which changes the school election start time from 10:00 am to 7:00 am. Other legislation discussed included House Bill 48 that seeks to add funding for Basic Special Education students in Kindergarten through third grade, House Bill 100 that seeks to add units to schools for mental health supports, and House Bill 101 that seeks to establish school based wellness centers in high-needs elementary schools.

**PERSONNEL**

***Personnel Report***

RESIGNATION

WALTERS, Harold

District – Secondary School Climate and Truancy Specialist  
Effective: April 18, 2019

EVANS-KEESLER, Rebecca

Mispillion – Grade 4 Teacher

Effective: June 30, 2019

BORIQUEA-DOHENY, Carmen

Ross – Spanish Immersion Teacher

Effective: June 30, 2019

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT\*

ALICEA, Cindy

Ross – Spanish Immersion Teacher

Effective: August 14, 2019

ABBOTT, Quinn

Central Academy – Physical Education Teacher

Effective: August 14, 2019

LOVENGUTH, Amber  
District – Speech Language Pathologist  
Effective: August 20, 2019  
MYERS, Christopher  
Central Academy – Music Teacher  
Effective: August 14, 2019

FAULKNER, Matthew  
High School – Social Studies Teacher  
Effective: August 14, 2019

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT\*

MILLER, Brad  
High School – Night Custodian  
Effective: April 16, 2019

CARTWRIGHT, Bryson  
High School – Chief Custodian  
Effective: April 16, 2019

TRANSFER

ARTIST, Charity  
Transfer from High School Child Nutrition 5 hrs. to High School Child Nutrition 3 hrs.  
Effective: April 1, 2019

RESCIND RETIREMENT

GEORGE, Diane  
Central Academy – F/T Paraprofessional

RECOMMEND EMPLOYMENT – LIMITED CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES\*

Central Academy	Softball, Volunteer	Eskridge, Shane (NE)
High School	Softball, Volunteer	Petty, Richard (NE)

\*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. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MRS. PURCELL** that the Board approve the Personnel Report as written. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***Board Policy 4309F Limited Contract for Instruction Scope of Services***

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. MILLER** to delete Board Policy 4309F Limited Contract for Instruction Scope of Services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***University of Delaware Education Majors Visit***

Dr. Peel reported Milford School District recently hosted a group of University of Delaware education majors. These students toured Milford School District's schools and community.

**INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PROGRAMS**

**Director of Student Learning**

***English Language Arts Adoption***

**MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MR. MILLER** to approve the 2019-2020 Draft B Academic Calendar. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***English Language Arts Curriculum Review Process***

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE** to approve Bookworms and Open Ed Resources for grades K – 5, Amplify – Core Knowledge – for grades 6 - 8, and My Perspectives – Pearson – for grades 9 – 12. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***Field Trips***

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE** to approve the field trip requests. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Dr. Stevenson stated that the district is planning for additional lockers at Central Academy to support next school year's increased student enrollment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY** that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Monday, April 15, 2019 adjourn at 8:45 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Kevin Dickerson, Executive Secretary

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Edna Rust, Recording Secretary