

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MAY 20, 2019
MILFORD CENTRAL ACADEMY CAFETERIA

Board Members

Mrs. Wiley – President
Mrs. Dennehy –V. President– 6:00PM
Mr. Miller
Mrs. Purcell
Mr. Vezmar
Mr. Schelhouse – 5:55PM
Dr. Dickerson, Exec. Secretary

Admin. Present

Dr. Peel
Dr. Amory
Mrs. Croce
Dr. Stevenson
Mrs. Wallace
Dr. Marvel
Mrs. Hallman
Dr. Kilgore
Mrs. McKenzie
Ms. Bruns

Public

S. Whaley J. LoBiondo
B. Strickland G. Grier
F. Duffy S. Buford
B. Voshell D. McKee
R. McKee J. Voshell
J. Wylie C. Mason
G. Mason E. Roberts
S. Smith E. Smith
M. Roberts S. Lavend
A. Osterholm E. Helmick
G. Markowitz D. Markowitz
P. Fisher S. Stutzman
C. Bontrager H. Holleger
S. Walls K. Thompson
M. Azzanesi T. Chilton
S. Smith L. Lent
N. Blance P. Crabb
S.McDonoughD. McDonough
B. Shupe E. Lang
M. Chorman E. Coverdale
S. Walls-Hall R. Viramontes
E. Rust

Media: Terry Rogers, Milford Live

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Wiley at 5:50 PM on Monday evening, May 20, 2019 in the Milford Central Academy Cafeteria.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:51 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)
- B. Student Matters – See 29 Del. C § 810004(b)(6)

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR to adjourn Executive Session at 7:01 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MR. MILLER to approve the minutes for the April 15, 2019 and May 10, 2019 Regular Board Meetings with the correction of the date on the May 10, 2019 minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RECOGNITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Dickerson, Mrs. Wiley, and Mrs. Wallace recognized Sue Smith, Mispillion Elementary, for being chosen as the Delaware School Nurse of the Year as well as Milford School District Nurse of the Year. Representative Bryan Shupe, Representative Charles Postles, and Senator Dave Wilson presented House and Senate proclamations to Mrs. Smith.

Milford Middle School (Lakeview Avenue) Committee Recommendation

Mr. Bill Strickland, Committee Chair, introduced the Committee members. Mr. Strickland thanked the Board for allowing the committee to move forward with gathering the data and studies for the Middle School property (Lakeview Avenue) and the community for their valued input. He stated the role and objectives of the committee. Mr. Garrett Grier, Chair of the Facility Subgroup, thanked the Board for permitting the research for the data and a recommendation to be presented by the committee. At the May 14, 2019 meeting, the committee made a recommendation to move forward with a 5th-6th grade, 1,000 student school to be on the Lakeview Avenue Property. Mrs. Wiley stated the Board was kept abreast of all the meetings and discussions and appreciated the work and participation of all the committee members.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. JUDY PURCELL/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR to pursue the Committee's recommendation for 1,000 student, 5th-6th grade school for the Lakeview Avenue Property. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Croce reported the Certificate of Necessity is due August 31. Mr. Vezmar thanked the Committee and expressed appreciation for their time and commitment.

New School Board Member Appointment Process

The appointed process was reviewed and discussed. Each candidate will have a maximum of seven minutes to address the Board at the June 3, 2019 Board Meeting in the Central Academy Cafeteria at 7 PM. The voting for appointment of a new member will be at the June 17, 2019 Board Meeting. Dr. Dickerson expressed thanks to the nine candidates applying for the 1-year At Large Temporary Board seat.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Reports from School Administrators

Mrs. Jennifer Hallman, Morris Early Childhood Principal, congratulated Jaime Hill for being the Morris Teacher of the Year and the District Teacher of the Year. Brittany Chorman was the Paraprofessional of the Year for Morris. Appreciation was expressed for Milford High School's FFA students joining Morris students for fun, outside activities. Teacher appreciation week was the first week of May. On Saturday, May 18, a Spring Festival was held. It was a beautiful day with many students, faculty, and parents participating. An outdoor BBQ, hosted by PBS, will be May 31 and include lunch for the students. The annual Funland trip to Rehoboth is scheduled for June 6. Kindergarten celebrations are June 10 and 11.

Dr. Bobbie Kilgore, Banneker Elementary Principal, congratulated Jessica Mazon for being the Paraprofessional of the Year for Banneker. Banneker received \$500 from the AAA School Safety Patrol Advancement Grant. Thank you to Mrs. Alfaro for submitting the paperwork. Vicki Hudson, Banneker Teacher, received a letter from the Mispillion Art League for her commitment to her students and art. She incorporates history, science, math, and other disciplines into the artwork of her students. Mrs. Laurie Moorman, Dr. Bobbie Kilgore, Mrs. Lisa Alfaro, and Ms. Jen Norman participated in the Over the Edge fundraiser. The Safe Summer Kickoff will be June 4. The Family Picnic will be held on June 7 for students and their families.

Mrs. Cindy McKenzie, Ross Elementary Principal, congratulated Robert Newsome for being Ross's Paraprofessional of the Year. Karen Fitzpatrick, Ross teacher, received a letter from the Mispillion Art League for her dedication and hard work with her students and their art skills. Students are completing their state testing.

Mrs. Teresa Wallace, Mispillion Elementary Principal, congratulated Sue Smith for being the State School Nurse of the Year. Robert McPhatter was selected as Mispillion's Paraprofessional of the Year. Students were acknowledged while attending a ceremony on Friday, May 17, in Philadelphia, PA for Fuel Up to Play 60. Two Girls on the Run teams participated in an event at Del Tech on Sunday, May 19. Mispillion's Field Day will be June 11.

Ms. Judith Bruns, Central Academy Assistant Principal, congratulated Kristine Phillips for being MCA's Paraprofessional of the Year. The band and chorus concerts were well attended and the students provided outstanding performances. A successful spring sports season concluded last week. Hannah Zimmerman and Nick Hurd went to Baltimore, MD for a Fuel Up to Play 60 event for their success throughout the school year. Forty students were inducted in the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations to Mya Cherneski (8th) for placing 6th out of 222 contestants at the National Conference for Business Professionals of America in the Business Communication Skills Concepts Open Event. The Band and National Junior Honor Society opened the parade at the Bug & Bud Festival and worked in the children's area. A pep rally was held for perfect attendance and honor roll recipients. The 8th grade ceremony will be 9:00 AM on June 12.

Dr. Katie Marvel, High School Assistant Principal, congratulated Melida Tijerino for being MHS's Paraprofessional of the Year. An additional college signing is planned for May 22 at 1:00 PM. The Food Science Lab has the ice cream machine up and running. The Night of the Arts is Wednesday, May 22, at 7 PM and Senior Awards is Thursday, May 23, at 7 PM. Seniors will walk the halls of all the schools in the district on May 30. Graduation is May 30 at 6:15 PM in Briggs Stadium. Congratulations to Amy Roscoe for being Applebee's May Teacher of the Month.

Eighth Grade Eligibility for High School Interscholastic Athletics

Dr. Dickerson reported a letter has been sent to Thomas Neubauer, Executive Director, Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, requesting a determination as to whether the district may elect to allow eighth grade students to participate on high school interscholastic athletic teams.

BUSINESS

Revenue and Expenditure Report

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE to approve the Revenue and Expenditure Report as of April 30, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Milford High School Steamer and Kettle

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR to approve the Singer Equipment Co. for the purchase of a steamer and a kettle for Milford High School for \$44,989.77. Child Nutrition funds will be used for this purchase. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Legislative Issues

Mrs. Croce reviewed outstanding legislative bills. She shared that the main bill of interest is the state's budget bill which will have a great impact on the budget and tax rates for the district.

Preliminary FY 2020 Tax Rate Projection

Mrs. Croce discussed the four components of the school tax rate including Current Expense, Debt Service, Tuition and Match Tax. She reminded the board that the district currently only collects a match tax for minor capital improvements even though there are many others available to assess. Mrs. Croce explained that since we are waiting on information from the state budget, there is no projected tax rate at this time. She further explained that the Current Expense rate will stay the same, Debt Service will decline slightly, and Tuition is projected to stay the same for Fiscal year 2020. The match tax component of the tax rate will depend on the state's allocation of minor capital improvement dollars. Overall, Mrs. Croce shared that the tax rates for FY 2020 will remain fairly flat.

PERSONNEL

Personnel Report

RESIGNATION

ARTIST, Charity
High School – Child Nutrition
Effective: May 13, 2019
Service to MSD: 1 yr. 7 mos.

RILL, Aaron
High School – AgriScience Teacher
Effective: August 16, 2019
Service to MSD: 3 years

STEINWEDEL, Sean
High School – Special Education
Effective: June 7, 2019
Service to MSD: 15 years

BOYER, Alyssa
Mispillion – Grade 5 Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2019
Service to MSD: 6 years

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT*

DEENEY, Ryan
High School – Special Education Teacher
Effective: August 14, 2019

CRAPPS, Amanda
High School – Special Education
Effective: August 14, 2019

McWilliams, Griffin
Central Academy – Science Teacher
Effective: August 14, 2019

ZAMBITO, Anthony
Central Academy – Special Education Teacher
Effective: August 14, 2019

MARINO, Daniel
Central Academy – Science
Effective: August 14, 2019

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT*

WILLIAMS, Tyrel
High School – Paraprofessional – School Climate
Effective: August 19, 2019

TRANSFER

BURKE, Sheree
Transfer from Ross Speech Pathologist 10 mo. To Ross Speech Pathologist 11 mo.
Effective: August 20, 2019

EMMETT, Patricia
Transfer from Morris Kindergarten Teacher to Central Academy Special Education Teacher
Effective: August 20, 2019

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

STAHL, Kerry
High School – English Teacher
Effective: August 20, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020

THOMPSON, Maggie
Central Academy – Special Education Teacher
Effective: May 8, 2019 and ending May 29, 2019

RECOMMEND EMPLOYMENT – 2019-2020 LIMITED CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES*

Central Academy	Boys Soccer, Head	Holloway, Samuel
Central Academy	Boys Soccer, Asst.	Kemmerlin, Prince
Central Academy	Field Hockey, Head	Pepper, Rebecca
Central Academy	Field Hockey, Asst.	McKee, Marcy
Central Academy	Football, Head	McNulty, Ryan
Central Academy	Football, Asst.	Jumper, Jason
Central Academy	Football, Asst.	Kendzierski, Kris
Central Academy	Volleyball, Head	Howard, Donovan

High School	Cheerleading	Geesaman, Sherrise
High School	Field Hockey, Head	McPike, Andrea
High School	Football, Head	Strickland, Shaun
High School	Football, Asst.	Boyd, Bryan
High School	Football, Asst.	Harris, Joshua
High School	Football, Asst.	Abbott, Quinn
High School	Football, Asst.	Deeney ,Ryan
High School	Football, Asst.	Faulkner, Matthew
High School	Football, Asst.	Brannan, Nicholas
High School	Football, Asst.	Jefferson, Nicholas
High School	Football, Asst.	Zambito, Anthony
High School	Soccer, Head	French, Nathan
High School	Soccer, Asst.	Evans, Edward
High School	Volleyball, Head	Motter, Heather
High School	Volleyball, Asst.	Rieley, Lauren
High School	Cross Country, Head	Helmick, Patrick
High School	Cross Country, Asst.	Skinner, Lance (NE)

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – SUMMER SCHOOL

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

TEACHERS

Brooks, Montessa
Bryan, Erin
Campbell, Brittney
Davis, Courtney
Deevey, Michael
Gilbert, Sharlitta
Hamilton, Michele
Jefferson, Nicholas
Lee, Courtney
Paquette, Alex
Parsley, Don
Silva, Mary
Young, Devon

NURSES

Smith, Sue
Nash, Ann Marie
White, Yvonne

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Heredia, Ileana
Perez, Lisette
Robinson, Yesenia
Tijerino, Melida

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Christie, Don
Gooch, Jim

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

INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

Director of Student Learning

Field Trips

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE to approve a Central Academy field trip to Hershey Park for the Band to perform on May 29, 2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to approve a Central Academy field trip to Cleveland, OH for Fuel Up to Play 60 from July 16-19, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. MILLER to approve Mispillion field trip to Cleveland, OH for Fuel Up to Play 60 from July 16-19, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR to approve a High School Cheerleading trip to Chestnut Lake, PA for Cheerleading Camp from August 16-19, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Amory noted Downtown Milford, Inc. will reveal banners designed and painted by local artists and students from each school in the district on Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 AM.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Buildings, Ground, and Operations

Dr. Stevenson congratulated Rudy Hitchens for being the District's Maintenance Employee of the Year.

Transportation

MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE to approve awarding a new bus route/contract to Hill's Bus Service, Inc. for school year 2019-2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ethan Lang, Student Representative, expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing him to be included in the Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Monday, May 20, 2019 adjourn at 8:27 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Dickerson, Executive Secretary

Edna Rust, Recording Secretary