

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 20, 2017
MILFORD CENTRAL ACADEMY

Board Members Present

Mrs. Wiley – President
Mrs. Dennehy 6:04PM–V. President
Mr. Emory
Mr. Evans
Ms. Kirby
Mrs. Purcell
Mr. Schelhouse
Dr. Dickerson, Exec. Secretary

Admin. Present

Mrs. Croce
Dr. Peel
Dr. Amory
Dr. Stevenson
Mrs. Manges
Mr. LoBiondo
Mr. Parsley
Mrs. Alfaro

Public

E. Dawson
T. Weaver
M. Lee
E. Ferracci
C. Mason
T. Chilton
G. Markowitz
P. Carpenter
S. Dukes
S. Whaley
K. Stahl
J. Cinelli-Miller
S. McDonough
G. Mason
L. Guyer
D. Markowitz
D. Dufendach
D. Hagen
B. Dukes
E. Rust

*Media: Terry Rogers, Milford Live
Jennifer Antonik, Chronicle*

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Wiley at 6:01 PM on Thursday evening, July 20, 2017 in the Central Academy Cafeteria.

ROLL CALL

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MR. EMORY to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:02 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- A. Personnel Matters – See 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(9)
- B. Legal Matters – See 29 Del. C § 1004(b)(4)

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MR. EVANS to adjourn Executive Session at 7:02 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. EVANS to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2017 Reorganization Meeting and Regular Board Workshop. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. EVANS to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FOIA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dr. Dickerson provided a statement regarding the Attorney General's recent FOIA opinion involving the district. He acknowledged that the district violated FOIA in the posting of the agenda for the June 20, 2016 regular board meeting. Dr. Dickerson explained that due to an internal mistake, the 2017 tax rate proposal action item was not included on the original agenda. Furthermore, a posted addendum to the agenda included the 2017 tax rate proposal action item but did not include a reason why or the time in which the addendum was posted. He stated that the district has improved processes relative to FOIA regulations and will continue to do so in the future. He indicated that FOIA training will be conducted at the August 7, 2017 board meeting as suggested by the Attorney General.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Peter Carpenter expressed appreciation for the return call regarding the timing of the posting of the board documents. He also expressed concern for Sussex County assessed values for newer properties.

BUDGET REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Dr. Dickerson and Mrs. Croce presented Milford School District's budget reduction strategies in preparation for the fiscal year 2018 budget and loss of state funding. A PowerPoint presentation detailing the strategies was given and is currently posted on the district's website as part of the board meeting documents.

Mrs. Wiley reaffirmed that there have been no decisions made regarding the future use of the Milford Middle School. Dr. Dickerson stated that a committee will be formed (that includes community members) to evaluate use of the building and make recommendations to the board. Mrs. Purcell asked a question related to proceeds from a sale of the building. Mrs. Croce replied it would be based on the district's bond bill allocation which is split 75% state and 25% local funds.

Mr. Schelhouse requested future updates on the impact of the budget reductions. Mr. Evans requested that the district be cognizant that teachers have the resources they need. Mr. Emory thanked everyone in the district for their hard work and dedication working with the budget cuts.

BUSINESS – Mrs. Sara Croce

FY 18 Preliminary Revenue and Expenditure Budgets

MOTION MADE BY MR. EMORY/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to approve the FY 18 Preliminary Revenue and Expenditure Budgets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Banneker Cafeteria Equipment

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/ SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE to approve the following vendors from the State Bid List: Singer for the 30 gallon Tilt Skillet at \$10,395.22 and Clark for the Steamer Convection at \$13,726.10. These will be paid from Child Nutrition funds. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PERSONNEL – Dr. Kevin Dickerson

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

LAYTON, Christina

Central Academy – Math Teacher

Effective: August 28, 2017

Bachelor's Degree: Wilmington University

Years of Experience: 4

ELDER, Elizabeth
Central Academy – Special Education Teacher
Effective: August 23, 2017
Bachelor's Degree: University of Georgia
Master's Degree: Wilmington University
Years of Experience: 0

FEHER, Kristina
Central Academy – Special Education Teacher
Effective: August 23, 2017
Bachelor's & Master's Degree: West Chester University
Years of Experience: 17

RESIGNATION

CRANMER, Tabitha
Mispillion – Night Custodian
Effective: July 18, 2017
Years of Service to MSD: 4

WARD, Natascha
Mispillion – Grade 5 Teacher
Effective: July 17, 2017
Years of Service to MSD: 9

WALMSLEY, Paul
District – Director of Personnel
Effective: August 1, 2017
Years of Service to MSD: 6

TRANSFER

KENDZIERSKI, Keith
Transfer from High School Night Custodian to Ross Night Custodian
Effective: June 26, 2017

RETURN FROM RIF

Board Only

MOTION MADE BY MRS. PURCELL/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to approve the Personnel report as written. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Dickerson acknowledged and expressed thanks for Dr. Paul Walmsley's service and professionalism with the district.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 is adjourned at 8:16 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**