

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 20, 2017  
MILFORD ANNEX BUILDING

Board Members Present

Mrs. Wiley – President  
Mr. Fry – Vice President  
Mrs. Dennehy - Absent  
Mr. H. Emory  
Ms. Kirby  
Mr. Rust  
Mr. Schelhouse  
Dr. Dickerson, Exec. Secretary

Admin. Present

Dr. Peel  
Dr. Walmsley  
Dr. Stevenson  
Dr. Amory  
Ms. Manges  
Mrs. Croce  
Mrs. Alfaro  
Mrs. McKenzie  
Mrs. Hallman  
Mrs. Carnevale  
Mrs. Wallace  
Mr. LoBiondo  
Mr. Snyder

Public

S. Whaley H. Walters  
S. Firch K. Stahl  
D. Vezmar L. Rust  
J. Rust K. Reynolds  
R. Parker M. Robertson  
A. Creasey J. Darling  
K. Reynolds B. Wynes  
O. Rosario B. Augustin  
R. Rosser A. Sollie  
J. Passwaters S. Hickman  
G. Garcia M. Edwards  
T. Van Eyken B. Murray  
M. Smith D. Parsley  
S. Strickland D. Markowitz  
G. Markowitz P. Mills  
J. Darling J. Darling  
T. Smith D. Smith  
M. Cole C. Meiklejohn  
L. Webb A. Webb  
C. Webb E. Boglousle  
M. Bucher E. Lang  
R. Lang M. Rosser  
J. Creasey B. Creasey  
D. Hovington K. Hovington  
D. Frank K. Pheasant  
A. Scarbo N. Schwan  
C. Clowes R. Evans  
A. Clowes J. Irvin  
E. Beaucejour K. Cummings  
T. Rogers  
D. Paulk

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The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Wiley at 5:47 PM on Monday evening, March 20, 2017, in the Annex Board Room.

**ROLL CALL**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. EMORY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE** to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:48 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 Matter – See 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(4)

**MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MR. RUST** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:11 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. SCHELHOUSE/SECONDED BY MRS. KIRBY** for the Board to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. SCHELHOUSE/SECONDED BY MR. EMORY** for the Board to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 Special School Board Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

##### ***Business Professionals of America (BPA) State 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner***

Ethan Lang (10<sup>th</sup> grade) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Business Law and Ethics. Ethan takes honors and AP courses, maintains a 3.9 GPA, is very involved in student government and is a class officer.

##### ***Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) State 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner***

Kyle Strassle (11<sup>th</sup> grade) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Professional Selling-Travel and Tourism. Kyle takes honors and AP courses, maintains a 4.2 GPA and was 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference in golf.

##### ***MCA Kent County Science Fair 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner***

Nathan Schwan (7<sup>th</sup> grade) placed 1<sup>st</sup> for his project called the Water SAPper. Nathan is the first Central Academy student to receive 1<sup>st</sup> place in a science category. He will be receiving scholarship money from DOW Chemical. Dylan Phillips (8<sup>th</sup> grade) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for his project, and Brendan Slonacher (6<sup>th</sup> grade) placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. These 3 students took the top honors for Environmental Science.

##### ***Project Search Student of the Month***

Ashley Webb was chosen the Project Search Student of the Month for January.

##### ***Greater Milford Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year***

Brion Murray (12<sup>th</sup> grade) has been a great role model for others and has made tremendous strides academically. He was All-Conference and All-State for basketball and football, Blue-Gold for basketball and football and has worked with youth in our community.

##### ***State Championship Wrestling Team***

Members of this team include: Bevensky Augustin, Alex Creasey, Jace Darling, Anthony Diaz, Mike Edwards, Gavin Garcia, Steve Hickman, Dom Hovington, Khi Hovington, Jordan Passwaters, Kaje Reynolds, Michael Robertson, Oscar Rosario, Robbie Rosser, Anthony Sollie and Bryan Wynes. Don Parsley is head coach and Shaun Strickland is assistant coach. This was Milford High School's fourth consecutive Division II State Championship.

***Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament Winners***

The team of Caleb Brownstein (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Rhyana Johnson (9<sup>th</sup> grade), Abby Baird (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Delaney Dillon (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Bella Keesler-Evans (8<sup>th</sup> grade) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regionals. The team of Anthony Lowe (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Cassidy Stamps (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Hayden Guittari (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Will Schels (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Nick Schels (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Rowan Melvin (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Sean Avalos (6<sup>th</sup> grade) placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both teams are headed to State competition.

***Delaware Theatre Company's Young Playwrights Festival Finalists***

Delaware Theatre Company's Young Playwrights Festival Finalists, Jennifer Rust (12<sup>th</sup> grade) and Kieran Pheasant (12<sup>th</sup> grade) placed in the top five for the state. Jennifer and Kieran are the first downstate students to place in the festival.

***Community Letter for MHS***

***Spring Musical, Tarzan***

The Spring Musical, *Tarzan*, was an outstanding production and had 25 cast members. The cast included 9 seniors and 6 Central Academy students: Ashby Amory, Tobias Biro, Amire Collins, Valeria Coverdale, Jessica Creigh, Emma Dehel, Ethan Dehel, Millisen Dill, William Dorey, Lauren Edwards, Jacob Elliot, Mark Hollingsworth, Rebecca Hutchinson, Zoe Johnson, Mystery Parsons-Villa, Ethan Pheasant, Kieran Pheasant, Dylan Phillips, Christopher Proetzel, Jennifer Rust, Madison Stalvey, Haley Thompson, Paige Thompson, Barbara Walker and Gabriel White. The Production Staff included Carissa Meiklejohn, Erica Snyder, Julie Fair, Angela Gott, Christine Smith, Ed Evans, Dawn Dehel, Chrissy Layton, Gloria Bontrager-Thomas, Owen MacDonald, Mike Streck, Jehnna Moore, Bryan Boyd, Karine Richards, Alexis Kuhn and Patrick Donovan. The Orchestra Pit musicians included staff, students and community members: Mark McDaniel, Julie Fair, Nicholas Mentzer, Nick Greeson, Melina Hudson, Curtis Dick, Caleb Hallman, Chris Lankford and Zyair Toledo.

***National Elementary Honor Society Inductees/Members***

Banneker Elementary had 16 current members and inducted 17 new members for a total of 33. Mispillion Elementary had 4 current members and inducted 21 new members for a total of 25. Ross Elementary had 8 current members and inducted 22 new members for a total of 30.

***Recognition of Building Teachers of the Year***

Lauren Boyle is the Teacher of the Year at Mispillion Elementary School. Lauren teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Michele Davis is the Teacher of the Year at Ross Elementary School. Michele teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Nathan "Todd" French is the Teacher of the Year at Banneker Elementary School. Todd teaches 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

Sherrise Geesaman is the Teacher of the Year at Milford Central Academy. Sherrise teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade English.

Jaime Hill is the Teacher of the Year for Morris Early Childhood Center. Jaime teaches Kindergarten.

Tanya Humes is the Teacher of the Year at Milford High School. Tanya teaches 9<sup>th</sup> grade English.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS – Dr. Kevin A. Dickerson**

### ***District administrators presented Newsletters and individual school information.***

Mrs. Hallman, Principal at Morris Early Childhood Center, reported that March is National Nutrition month. The students are learning about healthy and tasty snacks. Morris is also very proud to host the Food Bank that feeds 60 of their families.

Mrs. Alfaro, Assistant Principal, stated that Banneker's Multicultural Family Night was a big success with more than 200 attending. The state testing window has opened and students started testing the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. McKenzie, Principal, reported Ross Elementary students participated in Respect Week celebrating the diversity of students and the abilities of all students. The administration is very proud of the Girls on the Run Club having thirty members forming two teams.

Mrs. Wallace, Principal, said Mispillion Elementary held a family reading night and it was a huge success. Over 450 students and families participated. Students received a free book. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> grades 3 – 5 will have a Choral Concert in the Milford High School auditorium.

Mrs. Carnevale, Principal, reported that the Central Academy Blanket Brigade created a variety of blankets from donated materials and delivered them to Milford Manor. The administration is very proud of their students for sweeping 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the Environmental Science category at the Kent County Science Fair. Also, fifteen FFA members attended the State FFA Convention. The MCA FFA Officer team was announced as the state winner in the Middle School Scrapbook Competition.

Mr. Snyder, Principal, stated that 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students have taken the PSAT. The incoming freshman class had a scheduling night and more than 100 students filled out their request forms for next year while talking with counselors and staff members. Academic signings for students and parents are planned periodically during the remainder of the school year to highlight academic accolades.

### ***Special Board Meeting May 1, 2017***

There will be a Special Board Meeting on May 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Dickerson stated that four sites were approved for the upcoming School Board election to be held on May 9, 2017. The sites are Banneker Elementary, Morris Early Childhood Center, Ross Elementary and Milford High School.

### ***Preliminary Tax Rate Discussion***

A presentation was provided to the board for review and discussion of preliminary Fiscal Year 2018 tax projections. The presentation is posted on the district's website.

## **PERSONNEL – Dr. Paul Walmsley**

### ***Personnel Reports***

#### **TRANSFER**

WHITTINGTON, Tina

Transfer from Banneker Senior Secretary to Child Nutrition Financial Secretary

Effective: March 6, 2017

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RESCIND EMPLOYMENT – LIMITED CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

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| High | Lacrosse Coach, Asst.        | Lopez, Malik (21B)   |
| High | Softball, Girls Coach, Asst. | Masten, Robert (21B) |

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – LIMITED CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

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| High | Lacrosse, Volunteer       | Lopez, Malik (21B)               |
| High | Softball Girls, Volunteer | Masten, Robert (21B)             |
| High | Lacrosse, Asst. Coach     | Edwards, Thomas (21B)/Brian Boyd |

**MOTION MADE BY MR. EMORY/SECONDED BY MR. FRY** to approve the Personnel Report as written. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PROGRAMS**

***Director of Secondary Education – Dr. Jason Peel***

***Advanced Placement (AP) Presentation***

Dianna Frank from CollegeBoard presented about the sharp rise in AP test participation at Milford High School citing a 45% increase in school year 2015-2016. Mrs. Frank and CollegeBoard recognized Milford High School at a recent Department of Education event. Shawn Snyder, Principal, gave a presentation to the board describing the process for encouraging and preparing students to take higher level courses in honors and AP.

***MHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule Night***

Milford High School hosted an 8<sup>th</sup> grade scheduling night on March 9<sup>th</sup>. 105 families turned out to the event and turned in their course requests for next school year. Milford High School teachers, counselors and administrators as well as Central Academy counselors were present to assist students and families.

***2017-2018 MHS Student Schedule***

Work is underway to research the best bell schedule for Milford High School. Teachers and administrators have researched bell schedules at other schools.

***Director of Elementary Education – Dr. Bridget Amory***

***2017-2018 Calendar***

Dr. Amory thanked the Calendar committee for their participation in developing the 2017-2018 school calendar.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MR. EMORY** to approve the 2017-2018 Calendar. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***Elementary Presentation***

The elementary principals presented about the instructional programs and initiatives within the elementary schools highlighting student programs and instructional activities.

***Smarter Balance Assessment***

The Smarter Balance Assessment window has opened throughout the state. Students in grades 3-8 will be testing through June 1<sup>st</sup> in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts.

***Kindergarten Registration***

Kindergarten registration has begun. There are currently 77 students registered for the upcoming school year. Anyone interested in registering their incoming Kindergarten students can contact Morris for an appointment.

***Odyssey of the Mind***

Milford Talent Enrichment & Acceleration recently participated in the Ocean Region Odyssey of the Mind competition at Laurel Middle/High School. A huge thank you to district coordinators, Amanda Gaglione at the elementary level and Judy Woods at the secondary level. All students and coaches are to be commended for their outstanding team work and creativity!

***Director of Special Education – Ms. Laura Manges***

***Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)***

Milford School District has committed to training with Association of Behavior Curriculum (ABC) Consultants in order to expand programming for students with social and emotional behavior disorders. Mrs. Manges presented regarding ABA.

***Athletics – Mr. Shawn Snyder***

Winter All-Conference 2017:

Girls Basketball – Rajene Bowe – 1<sup>st</sup> team, Kiarra Brittingham – 2<sup>nd</sup> team, Jameshia Baker – 2<sup>nd</sup> team and Tayeler Duffy – honorable mention.

Boys Basketball – Brion Murray – 1<sup>st</sup> team, Chris Sampson – 2<sup>nd</sup> team and Tymire Riddick – honorable mention

Wrestling – Robbie Rosser – 1<sup>st</sup> team, Dom Hovington – 2<sup>nd</sup> team and Bryan Wynes – 2<sup>nd</sup> team

Boys Swimming – Ben Sobota – 1<sup>st</sup> team and Stone Davis – 2<sup>nd</sup> team

Girls Swimming – Brea Wells and Megan Wolfe – honorable mention

Winter 2017 Academic All-Conference:

Wrestling – Alex Creasey, Dom Feightner and Madison Rogers (manager)

Girls Swimming – Darby Brennan, Kaylee Groce, Sydney Millman, Amanda Sauer, Grace Sekscinski, Brea Wells and Megan Wolfe

Boys Swimming – Chris Lankford, Hazen Leighty, Ryan Mackesey, Kevin Rossetti, Brian Saxon

**BUSINESS – Mrs. Sara Croce**

***Revenue and Expenditure reports as of February 28, 2017***

**MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE** to approve the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of February 28, 2017. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

***Buildings & Grounds – Dr. Glen Stevenson***

***Ross Chiller Equipment Purchase***

**MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE** to approve York International Corporation for the Ross Elementary chiller replacement purchase. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***Tennis Courts***

**MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MR. RUST** to approve Sport Builders, Inc. for the tennis courts resurfacing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

***Transportation – Mr. Harold Walters***

The transportation office is in the process of leading four-hour bus driver trainings.

***Technology – Mr. Scott Whaley***

The E-Rate RFP for wireless at MHS, MCA and Morris Early Childhood Center closed on Friday. The bids are being compiled and reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MR. EMORY** that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Monday, March 20, 2017 is adjourned at 10:00 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Kevin Dickerson, Executive Secretary

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Edna Rust, Recording Secretary