

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 8, 2017
MILFORD ANNEX BUILDING

Board Members Present

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

Admin. Present

Dr. Peel
Dr. Walmsley
Dr. Amory
Mrs. Croce
Ms. Manges
Mr. Snyder
Mrs. Alfaro
Mrs. McKenzie
Mrs. Hallman
Mr. Hilligoss
Mrs. Wallace

Public

S. Whaley S. Firch
K. Stahl M. Firch
D. Vezmar M. Peterson
C. Peterson A. Peterson
R. Evans J. Miller
J. Purcell E. Rust
R. Winkleblech
J. Cineli-Miller

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Wiley at 5:46 PM on Monday evening, May 8, 2017 in the Annex Board Room.

ROLL CALL

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. EMORY 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)

MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to adjourn Executive Session at 7:00 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE for the Board to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. SCHELHOUSE for the Board to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Special School Board Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RECOGNITION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Secretary of Education Scholars Recipients

Alexis Peterson, daughter of Michele and Charles Peterson, and Daniel Zang, son of George and Karen Zang, were recognized at the Secretary of Education Scholars Dinner. Alexis is currently ranked #1 in the class of 2017 and maintains a 4.8 GPA and Daniel is ranked #2 and maintains a 4.76 GPA.

Sumdog's Sussex County Math Contest Winner

Mrs. Smith's 3rd grade class at Banneker Elementary won the Sumdog Sussex County Math Contest for the 3rd time this school year. In total, 219 students answered 67,495 questions correctly. Mrs. Smith's class won with a total score of 637.

Kent County Honors Band

Members of the Kent County Honors Band are Gloria Bontrager Thomas, Valeria Coverdale, Brandon Foster, Melina Hudson, Chris Lankford, Alexis Legates, Nick Mentzer, Alex Palmer, Sam Rauch and Ben Sobota.

Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week

Dr. Dickerson acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week and expressed thanks for all our teachers do on a daily basis for our students, families and the community.

Recognition of National Nurses Day

The school nurses, Lisa Fidler – Morris Early Childhood Center, Ann Nash – Banneker Elementary, Sue Smith – Mispillion Elementary, Jackie Wolfe – Ross Elementary, Kimberly Cole – Central Academy, Cheryl Rash – High School and Yvonne White – Floating Nurse were recognized for their special day.

Dr. Dickerson stated that the Bug and Bud Festival was an awesome event, and was glad to see so many students, families and people from the community.

The House of Representatives recognized the Wrestling Team on May 4. The Senate also recognized the team. The team was also provided a tour of Legislative Hall.

The School Board Elections are May 9th and voting will take place at Morris Early Childhood Center, Banneker Elementary, Ross Elementary and Milford High School from 10AM-8PM.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS – Dr. Kevin A. Dickerson

District administrators presented Newsletters and individual school information.

Mrs. Hallman, Principal, reported Diane O'Hara, paraprofessional who maintains the library, wrote a grant and received \$700 from TangerKIDS Grants program. This grant supports the Using Math Manipulatives to Strengthen Young Minds program.

Mrs. Alfaro, Assistant Principal, stated that Banneker's 2nd grade students were on stage at the Bug and Bud Festival and had a wonderful time. Lots of art work was on display for the community to view.

Fourth grade students participated in the 2017 National Dental Society Poster contest. Brenda Bamaca-Ramos was the overall winner.

Mrs. McKenzie, Principal, reported that Ross Elementary held a Carnival on May 6th and thanked the MHS Honor Society students for volunteering at the petting zoo.

Mrs. Wallace, Principal, said Mispillion Elementary's Eryn O'Brien was selected to attend the 2017 Student Ambassador Summit in Minneapolis, MN as the Fuel Up to Play 60 State Ambassador. Jasmine Neal is the 1st Mispillion P.R.I.D.E. Safety Patroller to receive the golden badge for always volunteering to help in any safety patrol position.

Mr. Hilligoss, Assistant Principal, stated the Central Academy Awards Ceremony will be June 5th from 9:30-11:00AM. The Chorus Concert will be May 22nd at 6:30PM and the Band Concert will be May 24th at 6:30PM.

Mr. Snyder, Principal, commented the Jazz Band performed at the Bug and Bud Festival. For the first time the MHS Choir will perform at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 23rd at 7:00PM. Jacob Bryan placed 2nd in the State in Driver's Education Competition. Academic signings for college bound students will be May 10th at 8:00AM and Military signings will be May 17th at 8:15AM. Prom will be at Heritage Shores on May 13th.

Athletics

Brion Murray was recognized as Kent County's top male senior athlete and was awarded a \$250 scholarship from the Kent County African Sports Hall of Fame.

Rajene Bowe was awarded a \$500 scholarship from Delaware Women Alliance of Sport and Fitness (DWASF).

Spring Report: Baseball 8-5, Softball 8-4, Lacrosse 8-2 and Soccer 6-6.

Track Conference Championship will be May 11th and 12th at Polytech. Tennis Conference Championship will be May 11th & 12th at Sea Colony. Golf Conference Championship will be May 23rd at Maple Dale Country Club.

On Wednesday, May 17th approximately 120 student athletes will be recognized for sustaining a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout the first 3 marking periods this school year. A breakfast will start at 8am in the high school cafeteria followed by a brief ceremony recognizing the achievements of the MHS scholar athletes.

Dr. Dickerson announced the Employee of the Year recipients. Congratulations to the following:

Michele Davis - District Teacher of the Year
Paraprofessional of the Year - Brandon Gibbs
Custodian of the Year - Dale Hammond
Maintenance Employee of the Year – Chuck Caplinger
Secretary of the Year – Debby Dufendach
Counselor of the Year – Maud Forsberg-Davis
Nurse of the Year – Sue Smith
Related Services Employee of the Year – John Riley-Spillane
Child Nutrition Employee of the Year – Gladys Gardner
Technology Employee of the Year – Josh Griffin

There will be Special Board Meeting on June 5, 2017 that will focus on the budget. Community Tax Presentations will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 6:30PM in the High School Cafeteria and Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30PM in the Ross Elementary gymnasium.

Public Comment

Jennifer Cineli-Miller provided information regarding HB142 that will be presented for the SY2018-2019. Ms. Cineli-Miller is a parent volunteer on the task force that includes the Delaware State Police and Department of Education. This bill will require the Resource Officer training for intervention with students with disabilities.

Budget Discussion

Dr. Dickerson and Mrs. Croce provided a recap of the state budget and its effects on the Milford School District. The presentation included further information regarding budget strategies presented at the previous board meeting and another overview of projected tax rates for FY18.

PERSONNEL – Dr. Paul Walmsley

Personnel Reports

RESIGNATION

OVERSTREET, James

High School – Physical Education Teacher

Effective: June 30, 2017

Years of Service to MSD: 4

BUCKLEY, Lora

Ross – Child Nutrition

Effective: May 3, 2017

Years of Service to MSD: 11 days

RICHARDSON, Kenneth

High School – Science Teacher

Effective: June 30, 2017

Years of Service to MSD: 2

BROOKE, Kerri
Morris – Pre-K Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2017
Years of Service to MSD: 1

NEES, Donlyne
Central Academy – ESL Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2017
Years of Service to MSD: 2

JONES, Tara
Morris – Pre-K Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2017
Years of Service to MSD: 1

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RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – LIMITED CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

High Softball, Girls, Volunteer Andrews, Rick (21B)

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

INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

Director of Secondary Education – Dr. Jason Peel

Student Code of Conduct Secondary Schools Policy #5404

Dr. Peel presented revisions to Student Code of Conduct Secondary School Policy #5404 for a first read. This proposal process is done to ensure alignment of the policy with State regulations and discipline codes, and to ensure the policy helps maintain a safe and orderly environment in schools and is fair to all shareholders including students.

Student Code of Conduct Elementary Schools Grade K through 5 Policy #5414

A first read was presented of Student Code of Conduct Elementary Schools Grade K through 5 Policy #5414. This policy will align with Policy #5404.

Field Trip Approval

MOTION MADE BY MRS. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MR. FRY to approve the MHS field trip for the FFA Leadership Conference. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director of Elementary Education – Dr. Bridget Amory

Parents as Teachers (PAT) ESL Partnership

Milford School District will partner with Polytech Parents as Teachers (PATS) next year to provide customized services to our district families. PATS works with families throughout the district; but, has traditionally not included a transition plan to the schools.

Next year we will work together to provide a minimum of 6 collaborative community events to promote family engagement, kindergarten readiness and assist with access to community resources. This partnership does not require we allocate any additional funds and will work toward the following goals:

- Strengthen family engagement practices of families currently enrolled in the Milford School District with children ages birth – 5 who live in the district
- Assist the Milford School District in identifying students who are in need of early intervention
- Promote literacy and raise achievement for students who are at risk

Daily School Times

We have been reviewing the allocated amount of instructional times in each of our schools. We would like to increase the instructional time by approximately 10-15 minutes each day for a total of one hour or more of instructional time each week.

Dr. Amory reported conversations with the Milford Boys and Girls Club have begun to provide before and after care support onsite at our schools for the upcoming school year for families who are unable to participate at the actual Boys and Girls Club site. After consulting with the other local child care providers and reviewing our transportation and start/end times, we would likely have these options available:

- Before care at Morris Early Childhood Center
- After care at Banneker Elementary, Mispillion and Ross Elementar

BUSINESS – Mrs. Sara Croce

Revenue and Expenditure Reports

MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to approve March 31, 2017 revenue and expenditure reports. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Child Nutrition Program Policy #3304A – First Read

Mrs. Croce presented the first read of the Child Nutrition Program Policy #3304A to comply with the final provisions of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Buildings & Grounds – Mrs. Sara Croce

Morris Paving Update

Bids are due May 23rd. Thank you to Representative Harvey Kenton for acquiring the funds for this project.

Ross Chiller Update

MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to award Joseph T. Richardson, Inc. the bid. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Benjamin Banneker Painting

Recognition was given to the custodians and maintenance staff for painting the front of Banneker Elementary during Spring Break.

Emergency Response Information Portal (ERIP) Data

Evelyn Brown, Director, Comprehensive School Safety, DE Department of Safety and Homeland Security, congratulated the district and schools for meeting the requirements of the Omnibus School Safety Act requirements and further acknowledged that MSD is the only district that has met the requirements at 100% so far.

Transportation

The transportation office has been relocated to the District Office as of Monday, May 8th.

Technology – Mr. Scott Whaley

Contracts were signed for E-Rate with the three awarded vendors. The next step will be a program integrity review where some additional questions will be answered about the project.

Over spring break, Ross, Mispillion and Banneker were moved to Dark Fiber. Scheduling for the High School and Central Academy cutovers are being scheduled through DTI.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY MR. FRY/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Monday, May 8, 2017 is adjourned at 8:50 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Kevin Dickerson, Executive Secretary

Edna Rust, Recording Secretary