

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 19, 2016
MILFORD ANNEX BUILDING

Board Members Present

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

Admin. Present

Dr. Dickerson
Dr. Walmsley
Mrs. Manges
Dr. Stevenson
Dr. Amory
Mrs. Croce
Dr. Conaway
Mr. Snyder
Mrs. McKenzie
Dr. McDaniel
Mrs. Wallace

Public

S. Whaley
H. Walters
R. Winkleblech
R. Evans
R. Evans
B. Evans
A. Dillon
M. Dillon
D. Dillon
D. Dillon
A. Baird
L. Koch
J. Kalaygian
K. Stahl
C. Brownstein
J. Woods
K. DeCento
A. Brownstein
M. Brownstein
R. Johnson
R. Wildy

Media:

*Terry Rogers, Milford Live
Jennifer Antonik, Chronicle*

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Fry at 5:32 PM on Tuesday evening, April 19, 2016 in the Multimedia Room at the Milford Annex Building.

ROLL CALL

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

During the course of this meeting, the Milford Board of Education may enter into Executive Session to consider student disciplinary cases, personnel matters, or strategy with respect to collective bargaining or pending or potential litigation, pursuant to 29 Delaware Code, Section 10004.

MOTION MADE BY MR. P. EMORY/SECONDED BY MR. E. RUST to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:33 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION MADE BY MR. SCHELHOUSE/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to come out of Executive Session at 7:06 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MR. P. EMORY/SECONDED BY MR. H. EMORY that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting March 21, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Koch spoke about the Holocaust and informed the Board about the upcoming Milford Community Holocaust Memorial Service to be held on May 5th at 7:30PM in the Reformation Lutheran Church.

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

11. Personnel and 12. Instruction and Student Programs.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Stephanie Dukes, MCA Paraprofessional, received a certificate of appreciation from the US Department of Agriculture and DOE for her work with the summer food program in Delaware. She was honored for establishing positive rapport with the community and her “can do” attitude which helps reach pockets of hungry children in southern Delaware.

MCA students participated in the *Young at Art* Ceremony sponsored by the Rehoboth Art League. Ms. Nancy Poinsett is their teacher.

Jessica Markland	8 th grade	Charcoal still life w/fruit
Marco Olivas	8 th grade	Abstract portrait
Jasmine Harmon	8 th grade	Pastel of chair – O’Keeffe Aspiring Young Artist Award Winner
Emma Moorman	7 th grade	Abstract w/squares
Anna Hatfield	7 th grade	Metallic paint abstract
Kayla Clausen	7 th grade	Canvas painting w/ballet shoes
Yasmin Lovett	6 th grade	Papier mache snowgirl
Jada Marshall Jaeli McDuff Julie Moore	6 th grade	Large 4-part flower composition
Lizbeth Carranza	6 th grade	Owls
Jenascia Fletcher	6 th grade	Cat and dog

Britney Johnson	8 th grade	Pastel of chair – Derrickson Memorial Scholarship Winner
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Congratulations to Judith Woods, MCA teacher, for keeping Odyssey for the Mind running and to Coaches Kathleen Molitor, Dr. and Mrs. Brownstein and their students as they scored extremely well in the Odyssey of the Mind competition. This team scored 2nd in the State and has earned a trip to the World Odyssey of the Mind Competition at the University of Iowa in late May this year. If they can get necessary funding to attend the tournament, they will compete against Odyssey teams from the entire United States and countries such as England, France, Italy, Greece, China, South Korea, Singapore and Russia.

Cassandra Schrieber	9 th
Sera Molitor	12 th
Leah Molitor	9 th
Felicity Annis	9 th
Amber Landon	9 th
Caleb Brownstein	9 th
Lily Wiley	8 th
Molly Ochs	8 th
Bethany Passmore	8 th
Ry'Ana Johnson	8 th
Shane DeDento	7 th
Delaney Dillon	7 th
Bella Evans	7 th

Beau Allen, Eagles NFL Player; Aimee Beam, DOE; Sharon Piano, Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association, FUTP60 Senior Manager; Calvin Parson, FUTP60 Project Manager; Jason Agular, FUTP60 Project Assistant; Representative Harvey Kenton and Dave Marvel, Farm to School Representative, visited Mispillion Elementary to promote the benefits of school breakfast and to celebrate National School Breakfast Week.

Ross Elementary students participated in the *Young at Art* Ceremony sponsored by the Rehoboth Art League. Kara Sivels will receive a year's worth of free art lessons. Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick is their teacher.

Paul Azzanesi	1 st
Katelyn Joseph	1 st
Abigail Mikayla Aleman	2 nd
Adrionna Fountain	2 nd
Aria Boyton	3 rd
Yamilka Hernandez-Diaz	3 rd
Dawson Dillon	4 th
Emma Reed	4 th
Mya Cherneski	5 th
Antonio Robles	5 th
Kara Sivels	3 rd – Derrickson Memorial Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Mrs. Natalie Ranney, MCA 8th grade Social Studies Teacher, for being selected as the

MSD 2015-2016 Social Studies Teacher of the Year! She was given this honorable award at the Delaware Council for the Social Studies Annual Awards Dinner on April 6th at the Duncan Center. She has been a social studies teacher for seven years and has served as the social studies instructional coach for the last two. Not only does Mrs. Ranney instruct students, she also is a role model throughout the school bringing her positive attitude and collaborative nature into everything she does. *"I feel successful at the end of each year if my students leave with not only a love of history, but the ability to be independent critical thinkers ready to face the ever evolving challenges of society"* (Mrs. Natalie Ranney, 2016).

INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

Directory of Special Education, Mrs. Laura Manges

Mrs. Manges introduced Kami Giglio and Mark Reeve from Kent & Sussex Industries. They presented a power point explaining how their programs are supporting individuals with disabilities in our community and seeking supported employment sites. They help the individual locate jobs, go on site with them for training and continue to monitor their progress while on the job.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Newsletters Presented for Information

Board Policy 5415 K-12 School Dress Code

The changes were read. Mr. Fry asked the principals if they had any concerns with the changes. Mrs. McKenzie and Jason Kalaygian, Student Board Representative, was pleased with the scarves, ties and bowties not having to be solid colors.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. Y. DENNEHY/SECONDED BY MS. KIRBY to approve Board Policy 5415 K-12 School Dress Code. (See page of minutes)

PERSONNEL

Personnel Reports, Dr. Paul Walmsley

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT

SNYDER, Shawn

High School – Asst. Principal with one-year contract ending June 30, 2017

Effective: May 1, 2016

Bachelor's Degree: Indiana University of PA

Master's Degree: University of Delaware

Years of Experience: 15

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

BISHOP, Jennifer

Morris – ESL Teacher

Effective: August 16, 2016

Bachelor's Degree: Liberty University

Master's Degree: West Chester University

Years of Experience: 27

MORENO JAEN, Jorge

Morris – Spanish Immersion Teacher
Effective: August 16, 2016
Bachelor's Degree: university of Panama
Master's Degree: Notre Dame of Maryland University
Years of Experience: 8

STURGEON, Robyn
High School – Math Teacher
Effective: August 16, 2016
Bachelor's Degree: Salisbury University
Master's Degree: Delaware State University
Years of Experience: 17

WALTON, Caitlin
High School – Agriculture Teacher (12 mos.)
Effective: July 1, 2016
Bachelor's Degree: University of Delaware
Years of Experience: 1

WINKLEBLECH, Andrea
High School – Math Teacher
Effective: August 16, 2016
Bachelor's Degree: Pennsylvania State University
Master's Degree: Delaware State University
Years of Experience: 16

RETIREMENT

WHITEHEAD, Michael
Central Academy – Special Education Coordinator
Effective: September 1, 2016
Years of Service to MSD: 15

TRANSFER

WHITE, Aaron
Transfer from Central Office Custodian to Central Academy Custodian
Effective: June 13, 2016

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT

BENNETT, Melissa
Child Nutrition – Financial Secretary
Effective: June 1, 2016

RESIGNATION

CONAWAY, Beth
Morris – Principal
Effective: June 30, 2016
Years of Service to MSD: 7

KERSEY, Cherie
Mispillion – Grade 1 Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2016
Years of Service to MSD: 9

RICHARDSON, Spencer
Central Academy – Special Education Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2016
Years of Service to MSD: 6

FMLA

Board Only

MOTION MADE BY MR. P. EMORY/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to approve the Personnel Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Walmsley presented the first read of the proposed changes to Board Policy 4309D Approved Limited Contracts for Personal Services.

INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

Director of Secondary Education, Dr. Kevin Dickerson

The Secretary of Education 2016 Scholars dinner was April 18th at Dover Downs. Sara Lingo and Leigh Ann Rossetti represented Milford.

Central Academy represented Milford in the Off School Conference for their teacher leadership work.

Committee to Advance Educator Compensation and Careers (CAECC) is a state wide committee our teachers are active with.

Following the fully inclusive practices for all individuals in the school, Lulu Ross brings further awareness to its students, as well as all other individuals in our community, experiencing differences through a special group called the Project Unify Club. This club meets once or twice each month to participate in activities centered on raising awareness and acceptance of individuals with disabilities. Students can participate one time, or every time there is a meeting, most often there is as many as 40 or 50 attendees ranging from grades one through five. Many Ross teachers and support staff volunteer their time and efforts to make this club possible. It is a fun and educational learning experience for all! This past year groups of students and teachers representing Ross's Project Unify Club participated in the Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics and the Autism Walk in support of students with Autism in Delaware.

The SAT test was administered to the junior class on April 12th and more than 95% participated.

Directory of Elementary Education, Dr. Bridget Amory

Secretary of Education, Steve Godowski, Representative Harvey Kenton, and Senator Gary Simpson visited Mispillion Elementary School today where they were greeted by staff, students, and families. The visit allowed for us to showcase the strengths in our classrooms, programs, and community support.

Our four elementary schools have been informed of a tentative approval for their work regarding the Reimagining Professional Learning Innovation Grant made available from the Department of Education. The elementary principals worked collaboratively to write the grants with the intention to bring additional professional development opportunities regarding math instruction to our schools next year. Each school will be awarded approximately \$40,000.

Morris Early Childhood Center additionally received a grant from Tanger Outlets for \$406.

Milford High School and Mispillion Elementary School will be showcasing their instructional teams and work toward the implementation of the Common Core Standards at the Delaware Department of Education Bright Spots event at Dover Downs on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 4:00-8:00PM.

On Saturday, April 23rd, our district and MPAC will be hosting tables at the Bug and Bud Festival. Please stop by to see us to learn more about our school programs and create some fun Buccaneer Hats made possible by donations of old newspapers from the Milford Chronicle and sentence strip ladybug headbands.

Fundraiser approvals for MCA Softball Team

MOTION MADE BY MR. SCHELHOUSE/SECONDED BY MR. H. EMORY approve 2 fundraisers for MCA Softball Team. The adults will sell the raffle tickets. (See page of minutes)

Athletics – Mr. Ryan Winkleblech

Spring Sports Update:

Baseball	5-3 record
Softball	2-4 record
Girls Soccer	2-3 record
Girls Tennis	2-4 record
Boys Tennis	4-2 record
Golf	4-2 record
Lacrosse	2-2 record
Girls Track	1-1 record
Boys Track	1-1 record

Adam Funkhouser broke a school record in the Pole Vault at the AI Dupont Invitational – 14 ft. Adam held the previous record.

The following students are participating in the Unified Track and Field Program:

Michael Hartsell	Lion Jackson
Adam Funkhouser	Ullises Castaneda
Emily Holstein	Jansen Paccaro
Jacques Cambronne	Selex Horsey
Victoria Little	Katlyn Melvin

SODE and DIAA have partnered to promote Unified Sports in track and field. Through this partnership, high school students with and without disabilities train and compete on the same team in officially sponsored DIAA events in the Unified Sports division.

A special thanks to Lance Skinner (former Milford graduate) and MHS volunteer track and cross country coach for organizing and sharing our unified sports track and field with the Delaware Special Olympics.

Congratulations to Coach Don Parsley for being named the Division 2 State Wrestling Head Coach of the Year!

Congratulations to Luke Pierson for being named the Division 2 State Assistant Coach of the Year!

BUSINESS

Mrs. Sara Croce presented the following items:

MOTION MADE BY MR. P. EMORY/SECONDED BY MR. RUST to accept the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of March 31, 2016. (See page of minutes)

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION MADE BY MR. H. EMORY/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY to accept the DOE Financial Position Report. (See page of minutes)

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Buildings, Grounds, and Operations – Dr. Glen Stevenson

The RFP has been submitted for the cameras Dr. Stevenson hopes to present the proposals at the May meeting. Quotes are for Milford High School, Morris Early Childhood and Ross Elementary.

The tennis courts are cracking. American Athletics submitted a quote for \$45,000 for repairs. The courts should be okay to finish out the season.

Dr. Stevenson would like to do more painting at the high school this summer. Banneker's north playground will get mulched.

The State of Delaware is paving the roads from Mills Brothers Markets past Morris School. Dr. Stevenson spoke with Representative Kenton about trying to work with the District about paving Morris's parking lot at the same time since the equipment would already be there.

Morris practiced a mock lockdown. The students were wonderful during the event. Delaware State Police complimented the cleanliness of the school.

Mr. Schelhouse thinks the daytime activity on the fields should be limited.

Transportation – Mr. Harold Walters

During Spring Break Kyle Moore and Mr. Walters checked the cameras on the buses. He reported there have been some issues with the spare buses breaking down. The State has decreased one cent more on the mileage for the buses. Bus Evacuations should be completed by April 22nd.

Technology – Mr. Scott Whaley

Over spring break we deployed 180 new laptops and 30 desktops to the High School and Central Academy. This was part of our normal replacement cycle. The old laptops will be relocated to the elementary schools where they will replace the oldest laptops in the district. We also compiled a list of summer projects that we will be working on this summer. Currently, we are working on all the prerequisites for our summer projects in between our normal helpdesk calls.

Mrs. McKenzie complimented and thanked Mr. Whaley and his department for keeping the computers working during the testing.

Comment

Mr. Schelhouse reminded everyone that Friday, April 22nd, is Field Day for the 5th grade students. He will be dressed as a gentleman pirate for the students' tours.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY MR. H. EMORY/SECONDED BY MRS. DENNEHY that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 is adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis Kohel, Executive Secretary

Edna Rust, Recording Secretary