

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Board Members in Attendance	
Mr. Jason Miller, President	Mr. Kristopher Thompson
Mr. Rony Baltazar-Lopez, Vice President	Mr. David Vezmar
Dr. Adam Brownstein	Mrs. Jean Wylie
Mr. Scott Fitzgerald	Dr. Kevin Dickerson, Executive Secretary

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Mr. Miller at 6:00 PM on Tuesday evening, February 22, 2022.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MR. THOMPSON/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected for January 24, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:03 PM. **Motion passed unanimously.**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION MADE BY MR. THOMPSON/SECONDED BY MR. FITZGERALD to adjourn Executive Session at 7:10 PM. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PERSONNEL – Dr. Peel

Personnel Report

MOTION MADE BY MRS. WYLIE/SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON to accept the Personnel Report as presented during Executive Session. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Peel also announced that Teacher of the Year and Behavioral Health Professional of the Year nominations are on the district website.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Table #13 Equity and Support Services

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Recognitions

- Board** February is School Board Appreciation Month. Thank you to the Board Members for their work And dedication to the district-community.
- District** National School Counselors Week was February 7 – 11, 2022. Extended a thank you too all the school counselors for their support, hard work and dedication in the best interests of our students.
- District** February 15th was National School Resource Officers Day. Thank you for the schools’ SROs/ Milford Police Officers and School Safety Officers/Constables for their involvement and outstanding work within schools.
- District** February 22nd is Bus Driver/Aide Appreciation Day. Thank you to the bus drivers, aides and

contractors for their valuable daily service and excellent work.

- MHS** Mr. Gary Zoll would like to thank the entire district for their efforts in raising money for the Polar Bear Lunge and Special Olympics. \$5,000 was raised.
- MHS** Milford High School Career and Technical Student Organizations are currently preparing for state competitions.
- MHS** English Learner teachers throughout the district have been amazing in preparing and working with our students on the access test and we thank them for all of their planning and preparation.
- MHS** Graduation June 2, 2022
- District** Congratulations to all of the 2nd marking period Honor Roll students. Please visit the district website highlighting the many students earning Honor Roll.
- MIS** Congratulations to the Mispillion Elementary students inducted into the National Honor Society:
- | <u>4th Grade Inductees:</u> | <u>4th Grade Inductees:</u> | <u>5th Grade Inductees:</u> |
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| Serenity Abraham | Riley Kraft | Stone Boyton |
| Omega Green-Bellamy | Dresden Miller | Kathryn Doran |
| Hunter Blizzard | Giana Palmer | Saige Fitzgerald |
| Aiden Burgholzer | Austin Scarborough | Edwin Manley |
| Quinn Carmean | Stella Schmidt | Lillian McBroom |
| Sofie Cornell | Lily Schrader | Brendan Sullivan |
| Marylei Fernandez | Lilah Villalobos | Zoe Bontrager-Thomas |
| Emma Johnson | Evan Yeich | |
- Banneker** Congratulations to the Banneker Elementary students inducted into the National Honor Society:
- | <u>4th Grade Inductees:</u> | <u>4th Grade Inductees:</u> | <u>5th Grade Inductees:</u> |
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| Jennifer Chery | Griffen Sender | Zachary Arndt |
| Ella Clukey | Emmalynn Shockley | Owen Caldwell |
| Wyatt Cook | Rowan Smith | Owell Coleman |
| Isabelle Fullington | Caleb Sollie | Alexis Glendenning |
| Genesis Lopez | Laisha Sontay-Abac | Breanna Hood |
| Mia Lorenz | Matteo Sparacino | Robert Richards |
| Seth Moore | Liliana Stubbs | Grayson Sender |
| Robert Nagle | Noah Tignola | Oldhina St Juste |
| Iker Rodriguez | Daphne Ziegler | Chase Stewart |
| | | Lizbeth Trejo de la Cruz |
| | | Guiliana Vann |
- MHS** MHS student Paige Howell was recognized by Channel 47ABC for her charity work with Paige Kindness Project and Be Safe Food Pantry. Together they are working to provide pantry items, new or used coats, gloves, hats, and other items to homeless students. Thank you to Paige and the district is proud of her exceptional work to assist others in need.
- MCA** Congratulations to MCA HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and advisor, Ms. Rebecca Tappan, for representing MCA very well at the Future Health Professionals of DE State Conference. The students medaled in every category and will be competing in Nationals in Nashville, TN in June. TeNia Bell – GOLD Medal in Medical Terminology; Chad Alexander – BRONZE Medal in Healthcare Nutrition; Adrienne White – GOLD Medal in Healthcare Professionals; Alice Pereira and Yarisbeth Morales – BRONZE Medals in Healthcare Education; Saanvi Patel and Devyn Sharp – GOLD Medals in Healthcare Career Display.

Upcoming Events

- District** Seussical the Musical begins March 3rd @ 6:00 pm, March 4th @ 7:00 pm, and March 5th @ 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the MHS Auditorium. The March 5th performances are also in partnership with the annual Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, which is a carryout event this year. We appreciate the Lions Club's continued support of our students, schools, and community.
- MCA** MCA Theatre Arts Presents Disney's Aladdin Jr., March 1 & 2 @ 6:30 pm at the Riverfront Theatre in Milford.
- The MCA and MHS drama students and band members have been working hard for their upcoming performances. We look forward to their continued display of exceptional talent.
- MHS** MHS National Honor Society Induction is March 9 @ 6:00 pm in the MHS Auditorium.
- MHS** Senior Olivia Muir will sign tomorrow with the University of Lynchburg to become a student-athlete as a member of their field hockey team. Congratulations to Olivia.

2022-2023 School Choice Acceptance Report

MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY DR. BROWNSTEIN to approve the 2022-2023 School Choice Acceptance Report. **Motion passed unanimously.** Dr. Amory thanked Mrs. Cathy Rios for her support and organization of the school choice information.

Strategic Planning RFP Update

The RFP has been submitted to the state, and the district expects the RFP to be posted soon.

Mask Wearing in Schools

Dr. Dickerson recommended that in accordance with the state's plan to end the school mask mandate on March 31st, at the March 21st board meeting the board should strongly consider following the state's lead and provide mask wearing as a choice for families, students, and staff. Dr. Dickerson recommended the board table their discussion on mask wearing until after public comment.

MOTION MADE BY DR. BROWNSTEIN/SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON to table the boards discussion of mask wearing until after public comment. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kerry Stahl, President of the Milford Education Association, presented survey results of association members and indicated there are valid concerns on both sides of the mask wearing debate. MEA asks the board to adopt a choice-based masking stance – allowing parents, students, and staff to make their own decision on whether or not to wear a mask.

The following people expressed their opinions regarding ending the mask requirement and/or making mask wearing optional or parental choice: Ms. Scherer, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Mumford, Ms. Massotti, Ms. Simon, Ms. Hill, Ms. Conway, Mr. Booker, Mr. Townsend, MS. Weisberg, Ms. Cephas, Mr. Millman, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Brown.

Ms. Cinelli expressed her concerns about the close proximity of students in the classroom if masks are not worn.

MOTION MADE BY MR. FITZGERALD/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR to make mask wearing in schools an action item. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION MADE BY DR. BROWNSTEIN/SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON Milford School District remove any and all mask mandates effective April 1st or sooner should Governor Carney lift or be forced to lift all mandates sooner. All staff and students will be able to wear masks at their discretion. **Motion passed.**
6 Yay – 1 Nay

Roll Call: Mr. Baltazar-Lopez – nay
Mr. Fitzgerald – yay
Mr. Vezmar – yay
Mr. Miller - yay
Dr. Brownstein – yay
Mr. Thompson – yay
Mrs. Wylie – yay

BUSINESS – Dr. Croce

Revenue and Expenditure Report

MOTION MADE BY MR. VEZMAR/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to approve the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of January 31, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously.**

STUDENT LEARNING – Dr. Amory

Secondary Math Pilot Purchasing Recommendation

Dr. Amory highlighted the recommended secondary math selection and recognized all participants in the process. The recommendation is driven by Policy 6111 Curriculum Development which ensures that students have access to current curriculum materials that are aligned with current standards.

2022-2023 Academic Calendar

Dr. Amory presented the draft 2022-2023 academic calendar for review.

BOARD DISCUSSION

DSBA Updates

There were no DSBA updates.

JUUL Discussion

Dr. Peel and Mr. Zoll presented information on vaping in schools – number of incidents, consequences, education, practices in place to deter and policies.

Black History Month Proclamation

MOTION MADE BY MR. BALTAZAR-LOPEZ/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to approve the Black History Month Proclamation 2022. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Revised Draft Board Policy 4302(c) Local Salary Supplement: Technology Specialists was reviewed and discussed as read only.

Revised Draft Board Policy 4319 Holiday Schedule: Twelve Month Employees was reviewed and discussed as read only.

Revised Draft Board Policy 4330 Employee of the Year Awards was reviewed and discussed as read only.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY MR. BALTAZAR-LOPEZ/SECONDED BY MR. VEZMAR that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, adjourn @ 9:00 PM. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PERSONNEL REPORT – *Action Item*
February 22, 2022

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – TEMPORARY CONTRACT*

DeNISCO, Brianna
Banneker – Elementary Teacher
Effective: February 28, 2022

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT*

SORDEN, Michael
High – Part-Time Educational Support Paraprofessional
Effective: February 28, 2022

TRANSFER

STREMMEL, Tracey
From Morris Part-Time Educational Support Paraprofessional to Morris Full-Time Educational Support Paraprofessional
Effective: February 28, 2022

RETIREMENT

MORGAN, Tracy
Central – Math Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2022
Service to MSD: 30 years

JACKSON, Phillip
High – Custodian
Effective: July 15, 2022
Service to MSD: 31 years

RESIGNATION

BUSHEE, Caitlin
High – Part-Time Educational Support Paraprofessional
Effective: February 18, 2022
Service to MSD: 6 months

HANSMAN, Mark
District – Bus Aide
Effective: February 5, 2022
Service to MSD: 4 months

URQUHART, Alexander
High – Special Education Teacher
Effective: March 18, 2022
Service to MSD: 2 months

RECOMMEND FOR EMPLOYMENT – 2021-2022 LIMITED CONTRACTS*

High	Girls Soccer, Asst. Coach	SOLLIE, Margaret
High	Track, Asst. Coach	PEPPER, Rebecca
Central	Baseball, Asst. Coach	RICHARD, Neal (NE)

RESCIND EMPLOYMENT – 2021-2022 LIMITED CONTRACT

High	Track, Asst. Coach	URQUHART, Alexander
Central	Baseball, Asst. Coach	CAPECE, Nicklas (NE)

RECOMMEND VOLUNTEERS 2021-2022*

Central	Boys Lacrosse	HAGUE, Matthew (NE)
High	Baseball	REED, Devon (NE)
High	Baseball	HERBER, Phil (NE)
High	Tennis	BOGAN, Derrick (NE)
High	Tennis	MULLICAN-POWERS, Jackie

*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.