

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2025

Board Members in Attendance	
Mr. Scott Fitzgerald President	Mrs. Ashlee Connell
Mr. Matt Bucher, Vice President	Mrs. Jennifer Massotti
Dr. Adam Brownstein	Mrs. Jean Wylie
Dr. Bridget Chaves, Executive Secretary	

The Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education was called to order by President Fitzgerald at 6:00 PM on Monday evening, February 24, 2025.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MR. BUCHER/SECONDED BY MRS. MASSOTTI to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2024. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION MADE BY MRS. MASSOTTI/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to adjourn Executive Session at 7:29 PM.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: *Dr. Chaves*

Dr. Chaves thanked Morris Early Childhood Center’s administration and teachers for hosting the board meeting.

School Choice

MOTION MADE BY MR. BUCHER/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to approve the School Choice Applications as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Schools Week

Dr Chaves shared The week of February 24 - 28, 2025 has been designated by Delaware officials as Public Schools Week and is an opportunity for all to honor Delaware educators and staff. A heartfelt thank you for the many individuals that come together as a team to help serve our school community.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: *Dr. Carvajal-Hageman*

CTE Appreciation Month

February is CTE Appreciation Month. We recently held our annual CTE Advisory Committee Meeting with the greatest amount of community participation on record.

Academic Calendar

The District Calendar Committee has met several times throughout the year to discuss the upcoming school year. There is discussion of increasing student hours and student time in the classroom. A first read was presented.

School Climate and Culture update

We are very proud of the data and reduction of students being taken to review for external review school placements on the secondary campus and we are working hard to encourage positive student behaviors and attendance.

Field Trip Approval

MOTION MADE BY MR. BUCHER/SECONDED BY MRS. CONNELL to approve the field trip as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE: Dr. Hale

Revenue, Expenditure and Major Capital Reports

MOTION MADE BY MR. BUCHER/SECONDED BY MRS. MASSOTTI to approve the Revenue, Expenditure and Major Capital Reports as of January 31, 2025. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Final FY2025 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets

MOTION MADE BY MR. BUCHER/SECONDED BY MRS. MASSOTTI to approve the Final FY2025 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets. **Motion passed unanimously.**

School Year Start and End Time Adjustments

MOTION MADE BY MRS. MASSOTTI/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to approve the school start and end times as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Hale thanked Mr. LoBiondo and the transportation department for their efforts. Dr. Hale shared that a crosswalk will be installed on Rehoboth Blvd. increasing the walk zones allowing approximately 100 additional walkers. She also thanked our Bus Contractors for their partnership and collaboration to get our students to and from school safely.

Construction Change Order Approval

MOTION MADE BY MR. BUCHER/SECONDED BY MRS. CONNELL to approve the construction change order approval as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Bucher acknowledged the Milford Middle School project is not only on time and under budget, but with no additional tax increase to our community.

EMPOWERING AND INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE: Ms. Manges

Personnel Report

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION
DSBA UPDATES**

Mr. Bucher attended the Legislative meeting. He shared there is a lot of legislation floating around, but has yet to be presented and will share an update at our next monthly meeting.

RECOMMENDED REVISED DRAFT BOARD POLICIES FOR ACTION

Revised Board Policy 6111 Curriculum Development

Mr. Bucher, Dr. Brownstein, and Ms. Massotti questioned the updates proposed.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BUCHER/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to table the policy revisions until next month. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Revised Board Policy 4101A Title IX Rights & Responsibilities

Ms. Manges presented an updated Title IX based on Federal guidelines. By a Federal Mandate we will be reverting back to our previous Title IX policy.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BUCHER SECONDED BY MRS. CONNELL to approve revised Board Policy 4101A Title IX Rights & Responsibilities. **Motion passed unanimously.**

RECOMMENDED DELETION OF BOARD POLICIES FOR ACTION

Policy 3103 - State Fire Marshal Policy on School Operations with Regard to Life Safety

Policy 3104 - Asbestos Removal

MOTION MADE BY MRS. MASSOTTI/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE to delete Board Policies ***Policy 3103 - State Fire Marshal Policy on School Operations with Regard to Life Safety and Policy 3104 - Asbestos Removal.*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY DR. BROWNSTEIN/SECONDED BY MRS. WYLIE that the Regular Meeting of the Milford Board of Education held on Monday, February 24, 2025, adjourned at 8:37 PM. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Trish Gerken, Public Information Officer