

**Millbury Public Schools
School Committee**

**Regular Session
Meeting Minutes**

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK
2022 AUG 25 AM 10:48
MILLBURY, MASS.

Date: June 8, 2022

Members Mrs. Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson
Present: Mr. Christopher Wilbur, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Julia Lagerholm, Member
Ms. Jessica Bristol, Member
Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Member
Ms. Michelle Cherfils, Student Representative

Administrators Mr. Richard Bedard, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Present: Ms. Elizabeth Boutiette, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Mr. Gregory Myers, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kate Ryan, Director of Pupil Services

Presenting Officer Keith Gasco (SRO)
Guests:

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Nietupski also extended a congratulations to the graduating class of 2022 who held their ceremony last Friday at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wilbur motioned to accept the regular session meeting minutes of May 11, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0).

Report of the Administration

- a. Recognition of Student Volunteers for Refurbishing Elmwood Street Elementary School Lawn Sign
This item was tabled until the new school year.
- b. Science Curriculum Review Committee: Update on Science Curriculum Review Cycle, PK-12
Ms. Boutiette provided the Committee with an update on the Science Curriculum Review Committee's work. Members of the team are made up of staff members from all schools and the Committee just finished the first year of a five-year process, starting with a self-study and recommendations about curriculum aspects that need to be redeveloped or updated. Implementation begins in year two of the cycle.

Current strengths identified by the Committee include STEAM (PK-3, 7-12), PLTW (PK-3, 9-12) Claim, evidence, reasoning routine, UDL (7-12), CPT and PLC's. Current needs include expanding PLTW at all levels, providing STEAM experiences across all PK-12, fostering more innovative

instructional approaches, more hands-on experiences, and a universally designed approach to resources.

- c. Safety Update with SRO Gasco: Review of Safety Preparedness and Planned Safety Initiatives
Officer Gasco provided an overview of safety preparedness in the District and a set of goals developed by the safety committee designed to further strengthen safety protocols and infrastructure.

Mr. Gasco said that all students grades 7-12 have received ALICE training at their specific grade level. He said he would like to spend more time in the actual classroom with students in grades 7-8 to make sure that they are understanding what to do in case of an emergency. He mentioned that he would like to see the key card access entry added to the Jr./Sr. High school as well as Elmwood school. There will be an open meeting where the community can come and ask questions to Officer Gasco and other police officers with any issues they have on June 22, 2022.

- d. Spring i-Ready Assessment: Presentation of Student Growth Data
Ms. Boutiette provided an overview of spring i-Ready growth data for the Committee and highlighted areas of strength and opportunities for further improvement. With a mid-year goal of having all students showing 50% growth, Ms. Boutiette showed the Committee current data which shows that the math and reading growth data is mid or above grade level across grades K-6 with numbers ranging from 108 % to 141% growth. Math data also shows that 72% of students grade K-3 are on or above grade level. The overall data show that all students have grown more than the 100% target at the beginning of the year once. Teachers have used the data to make sure that students are being challenged on a daily basis. The i-Ready program has allowed us to ensure this across the district which shows that the program is working and the data is being used in the classrooms.

Mr. Myers thanked Michelle Cherfils for being the student representative for the School Committee. She recently graduated with the Class of 2022 and will be attending Merrimack College in the Fall.

Finance and Operations

- a. Consideration of OneSchool Global's Lease Extension for Dorothy Manor
Mr. Bedard asked the Committee to consider extending the lease agreement with OneSchool Global from 6/30/22 to 12/31/22 at Dorothy Manor. We currently receive \$5,000 per month which is used to defray the cost of maintaining the facility. OneSchool Global is building their own facility on McCracken road which is not going to be ready for the start of the FY23 school year.

Mr. Wilbur motioned to accept the lease extension, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion was passed (5-0).
- b. Consideration of Adding New Student Activity Subaccount (UNICEF)
Mr. Bedard asked the Committee to consider creating a new high school student activity sub account for a new extracurricular club which raises funds for the UNICEF program.

Mr. Wilbur motioned to accept the new student activity subaccount, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0).

c. **Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Hot Water Tank Replacement**

Mr. Bedard asked the Committee to provide provisional approval to accept the lower responsible bidder for the replacement of the MHS hot water tank, not to exceed \$132,000. The committee would be informed if the bids that were submitted were not within the exceeded amount. Mr. Wilbur asked to increase the total to \$140,000 due to the supply chain issues that are at hand.

Mr. Wilbur motioned to accept a provisional bid for the replacement of the hot water tank in the amount of \$140,000, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0).

Mr. Bedard also mentioned a correction on school lunch pricing mentioned at the March meeting. The current prices are \$1.50 for breakfast District wide, \$3 for elementary lunches and \$3.25 for the high school lunches. Mrs. Neitupski asked the administration to send a letter to the Governor with data from the district showing our current state and ask them to continue free and reduced lunch. She wants to make sure that all students have the opportunity to eat at school.

Unfinished Business

a. **Report on the Shaw School Building Project**

Mr. Myers spoke of the progress at the new school and was happy to share that we are on time and under budget. Some of the major work being done on site:

- foundations for outdoor classrooms on the western side of the building have been placed;
- sidewalks around the building and upper parking lot are being poured;
- wood casework and wood trim continues to be installed in classrooms;
- gutters and roof edge metal are being installed;
- wall tile in the cafeteria as well as misc. grouting is nearing completion;
- installation of linoleum flooring is nearly complete on the second floor
- finish painting on the 1st floor continues;
- plumbing fixtures nearly all installed
- rough grading of the playground area is complete and the boulder scramble has been placed

The last day the public can walk through the old Shaw school is June 11 from 10-2pm.

The last School Committee meeting scheduled for June 22 will be a forum on school safety with SRO Gasco and Sgt. Oliveri.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2022 at 7pm.

New Business

a. **Appointment of Title IX Coordinator/Sexual Harrassment Grievance Officer and Alternate**

Mr. Wilbur motioned to appoint Ms. Ryan as the Title IX Coordinator and Mr. Bedard as the alternate, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0).

b. **Appointment of Title II (Americans w/ Disabilities Act) Grievance Officer and Alternate**

Mr. Wilbur motioned to appoint Ms. Ryan as the Title II Coordinator and Mr. Bedard as the alternate,

seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0).

Executive Session

- a. At 9:23pm Mrs. Nietupski held a roll call vote to convene an executive session in accordance with G.L.c.30A,§19(a)5 to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto, with School Resource Officer Keith Gasco.


Mrs. Bristol - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES, Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES. The motion passed (5-0).

8. Adjourn


At 10:44 pm Mrs. Nietupski held a roll call vote to end the executive session. Mrs. Bristol - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES, Mrs. Lagerholm - YES, Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES. The motion passed (5-0).

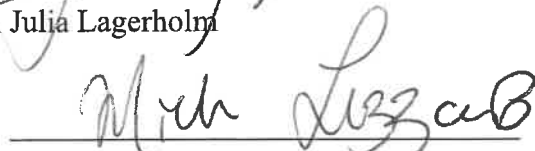
At 10:45, Mrs. Lagerholm motioned to adjourn the regular session without further discussion, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. The motion passed (5-0)

Approved:


Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson


Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson


Julia Lagerholm


Nicholas Lazzaro

Jessica Bristol