

**Millbury Public Schools
School Committee**

Regular Session
Meeting Minutes

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Date: December 7, 2022

Location: Millbury Memorial Jr./Sr. High School Library/Media Center

Members Present: Mrs. Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson
Mr. Christopher Wilbur, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Julia Lagerholm, Member
Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Member
Mrs. Jessica Bristol, Member
Ms. Fatma Al-Bargash, Student Representative

Administrators Present: Ms. Lizz Boutiette, Curriculum Director
Mr. Gregory Myers, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kate Ryan, Director of Pupil Services

Contributing Guests: Officer Kieth Gasco, School Resource Officer
Ms. Ally Kimball, Class of 2025
Ms. Ava Jendrysik, Class of 2025
Mr. Josh MacCreery, Athletic Director

This meeting was recorded and broadcasted by Millbury's Public Access Channel.

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Lagerholm motioned to accept the special session meeting minutes of November 15, 2022, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. The motion passed (5-0).

Review and Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Ms. Bristol motioned to accept the regular session meeting minutes of November 16, 2022, seconded by Mr. Lazzaro. The motion passed with Mr. Wilbur abstaining from the vote (4-0-1).

Report of the Administration

- a. Report of the Student Council by Representatives Ava Jendrysik and Ally Kimball provided the Committee with an overview of recent and upcoming events at the Jr./Sr. High School, including the

recent NHS induction ceremony that welcomed 19 new members, their “you’ve been-snowed” fundraiser to benefit families in need, the 8th grade Toys for Tots drive, and the drama club’s upcoming spring musical, “Mamma Mia.”

b. Athletic Department Update: Fall Sports Season Report

Mr. Josh MacCreery, Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Director provided the Committee with an overview of the Fall sport season. He first thanked the community, families, students and administration for all of their support throughout the season. He mentioned that participation rates have almost fully returned to pre-COVID rates. The girls soccer team made it to the Elite 8, the boys football team and the boys cross country team were league champions. The cheerleading team won a regional championship and will be competing again this winter. There were 12 SWCL all-stars, nine central mass all-stars, and 1 all state selection. Updates from the athletic trainers office mentioned that there were 60 total injuries (30 lower body injuries), 11 concussions and 22 instances were game injuries where participants were taken off of the field.

c. Jr./Sr. High School Unified Sports Program

Mr. Josh MacCreery, Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Director, provided the Committee with an overview of our Unified Sports Program, which includes Unified Basketball and Unified Track & Field. Mr. MacCreery asked the boys team to join him at the podium and presented the MIAA Good Sportsmanship Award to Coach Joe McNeil and the team. The team, which was undefeated this year, was nominated for this award by Leicester High School. Mr. MacCreery also mentioned that they will be offering a Unified Physical Education class this winter and is also looking into other offerings.

d. 1st Semester Update from School Resource Officer Gasco on School & District Safety

School Resource Officer Keith Gasco reported to the Committee on this fall’s safety preparedness efforts in the areas of training, practice, and infrastructure. ALICE trainings were conducted in the first month of school for students and a district-wide ALICE refresher meeting for all staff members was held on the first day of school. Two safety forums have been held since last spring and those in attendance had great questions. The District Safety Committee is being meeting to review protocols that are in place throughout the district. He mentioned that there were some hardware issues at the new Shaw school but these issues have been addressed and that all of the exterior room number decals have come in and will be displayed on each classroom to ensure that Police and Fire can visually see the room numbers when they arrive on campus.

Finance and Operations

There were no agenda items related to finance and operations at this meeting.

Unfinished Business

a. Report on the Raymond E. Shaw Building Project

Mr. Myers reviewed the current status of both phases of the Shaw School building project, noting that the school bus loop is complete but not yet in operation. He also noted that supply chain issues have delayed delivery of the synthetic turf material needed for the new multipurpose field (Phase II), which will slow the completion of the field, but should not affect spring season play.

New Business

There were no agenda items related to new business at this meeting. Mr. Lazzaro requested a presentation from Mr. Andy Hall, Elmwood Street Elementary Principal, on the district's progress in promoting equity and inclusion. Mr. Myers confirmed that this topic will be on the Committee's next meeting agenda.

Mrs. Nietupski asked Mr. Myers whether there were any pressing topics that needed to be addressed at the Committee's next meeting. Hearing none, Mrs. Nietupski asked the Committee to consider canceling its December 21, 2022 meeting. The Committee was in unanimous agreement. Therefore, the next meeting of the Millbury School Committee will be held on January 11, 2023 in the Jr./Sr. High School's Library/Media Center.

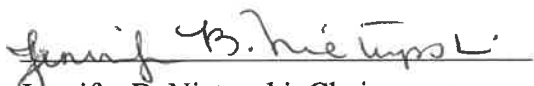
Executive Session

The Committee did not convene an executive session as part of this meeting.

Adjourn

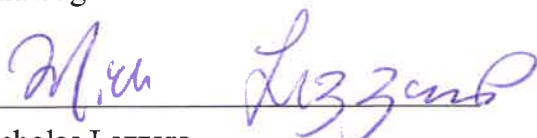
At 7:51 PM, Mr. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0).

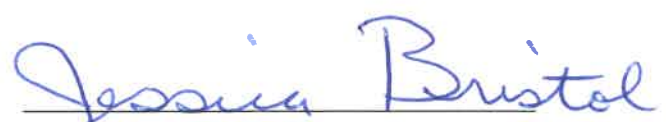
Approved:


Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson

Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson

Julia Lagerholm


Nicholas Lazzaro


Jessica Bristol