MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting
Professional Development Center, Nipmuc Regional High School
Monday, May 8, 2017

Committee Present:
Leigh Martin, Philip DeZutter, Dorothy Scally, Diane Duncan, Tanna Jango

Administration Present:
Joseph Maruszczak, Superintendent of Schools
Jay Byer, Business/Finance
Dennis Todd, Director of Student Support Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Diane Duncan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Dorothy Scally to approve the agenda.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Motion of Approval of Open Session Minutes of April 24, 2017
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Tanna Jango to approve the Open Session minutes of April 24, 2017
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Motion of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of April 24, 2017
MOTION: On a motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Dorothy Scally to approve the Executive Session minutes of April 24, 2017
VOTED: Unanimously approved

III. STUDENT COMMENTS - NA

IV. COMMUNITY COMMENTS – NA

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dedication of Miscoe Hill Technology Lab – May 12
Superintendent Maruszczak informed the School Committee the official dedication of the Miscoe Hill Technology Lab in memory of Liz Wernig will be on Friday, May 12 at 9:30 am. Members of Liz’s family will be there and the Miscoe Student Council will share staff and student remembrances. The plaque that will hang above the doorway will be unveiled after the ceremony.
Anticipated School Choice for 2017-18 School Year
Superintendent Maruszczak informed the School Committee the number of openings for every school and grade level:
Clough: K – 6 openings; K SI – 3 openings; Grade 1 – 2 openings
Memorial K – 1 opening; Grade 1 – 3 openings
Miscoe Hill: 0 openings
Nipmuc: Grade 9 – 10 openings
There will be a lottery to determine who will be filling the openings.

FY17 Budget Update
Jay Byer stated nothing has changed in the FY17 Budget since the last meeting. The final savings in the snow and ice budget is about $90,000

Nipmuc High School Principal John Clements Named Principal of the Year!!
Superintendent Maruszczak was proud to announce that John Clements was awarded Principal of the Year! He commented this is a remarkable accomplishment. Mr. Clements was nominated by his peers and chosen by a peer review committee. This award signifies not only his contributions to the Nipmuc Community but what Mr. Clements also assists with outside of his Nipmuc responsibilities. Staff and students are happy for his recognition. The award will allow him to travel to DC and he is in the running for National Principal of the year. Congrats to Mr. Clements!

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Negotiations Subcommittee
There is a negotiations meeting on May 9 with the teacher’s union. The subcommittee will update at the next meeting.

Policy Subcommittee
Policy Subcommittee presented the second reading on Policy JJF-R: Student Activity Account Guidelines. This policy was developed by Jay Byler to bring the district into compliance and provide greater consistency in procedures between the four buildings.

Approval of Policy JJF-R: Student Activity Account Guidelines
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Dorothy Scally to approve Policy JJF-R: Student Activity Account Guidelines
VOTED: Unanimously approved

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Reaffirmation of MURSD as a School Choice District
According to Policy JFBB- School Choice, the School Committee should vote to affirm the district will remain or withdraw from being a school choice district. It is Superintendent Maruszczak recommendation to remain a school choice district.

Approval of MURSD as a School Choice District
MOTION: On a motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Leigh Martin to approve the reaffirmation of MURSD as a School Choice District
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Update – MURSD Recess Task Force
Superintendent Maruszczak asked Deb Swain and Janice Gallagher to assemble kindergarten teachers and parents from their respective School Councils to look at the
recess times. The first meeting will be Monday, May 15 at 3:45 at Clough. Two members of the School Committee will also be participating in the Task Force.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Approval of MURSD Student Activity Accounts
According to Policy JJF-R approved earlier this evening, the School Committee needs to approve a list of actual Student Activity Accounts. The School Committee were provided with a list of 19 Student Activity accounts to review.

Approval of 19 Student Activity Accounts
**MOTION:** On a motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Leigh Martin to 19 Student Activity Accounts.
**VOTED:** Unanimously approved

Please note the following is a list of accounts: CL17-Class of 2017; Cl18-Class of 2018; CL19-Class of 2019; ARTS-Art Society; REN-Renaissance; MU-Model UN; DC-Drama Club; GSA-Gay/Straight Alliance; SEMI-8th Grade Semi; NHS-National Honor Society; SS-Student Special Services; SC-Student Council; SKI-Ski Club; YB-Yearbook; WC-World Challenge; RC-Rachel’s Club; PIF-Pay it Forward; PL-Peer Leadership; LEGO-Lego Robotics

Inclusion Practices & Student Performance Data
Superintendent Maruszczak asked to table to agenda item to the next meeting. There is data analysis being conducted and more time is needed to review the data.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE - NA

X. Other Matters Not Anticipated By The Committee Within 48 Hours Of The Posted Meeting

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- School Committee Reorganization – June 5
- Golden Apple Award – June 19

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** On motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Tanna Jango to go into executive session and not return to open session per MGL Ch. 30A, §21(a), under exemption #2 to discuss strategy in preparation for a successor contract for the Superintendent of Schools and prepare for Collective Bargaining. The School Committee will not return to open session.

**VOTED:** Phil DeZutter, yes
Tanna Jango, yes
Dorothy Scally, yes
Leigh Martin, yes
Diane Duncan, yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.
Minutes by Kelly A. McElreath