

APPROVED MINUTES
 Milford School Committee
 Thursday, April 7, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
 Dr. Lewis S. Libby School

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Present
Michael Bond, Chair	<u> X </u>
Gary Drinkwater, Member	<u> X </u>
Scott Hayden, Member	<u> X </u>
Greg Hobson, Member	<u> X </u>
Toni Meservey, Vice Chair	<u> X </u>

- I. Call to Order _____ 6:25 _____ Chair
- II. Declaration of Quorum Chair
- III. Flag Salute Chair
- IV. Additions and Amendments to Agenda Chair
- Proposal to allow a track club for the 2011 spring sports season
 - Proposal to pay part of the cost of a scoreboard for outside events
 - Gary Drinkwater asked to place an item on the agenda that he will explain later.
- V. Approval of Minutes
- Scott Hayden pointed out the language in Section IID concerning having Mrs. Silk write articles for the Penobscot Times and suggested that the verb directed be replaced with requested.
- Moved: Greg Hobson Seconded: Toni Meservey Vote: 5-0
- The February minutes were amended to include salaries for administrators in addition to the contract extensions.
 - Motion to approve February minutes as amended.
- Moved: Toni Meservey Seconded: Scott Hayden Vote: 5-0
- VI. Public Comment
- A parent spoke to the issue of her career as a lawyer and wanted it to be clear that she was at these school board meetings to represent her children, not as an attorney. She pointed out that she does not represent any parents or groups.
 - A question was asked about the status of the superintendent search. Superintendent MacDonald reported that the office is receiving applications. A follow-up question was asked about when the decision was made not to use MSMA's services in finding a new superintendent. Gary Drinkwater responded that due to the cost, the Committee decided to do the search themselves.
 - Mr. MacDonald was asked if he would be renewing his certificate and possibly staying on as superintendent. He replied that he would be done on July 1, 2011.
 - The Committee was asked if the budget meeting was posted and was told that it was.
- VII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS
- A. Superintendent Report
- There was no superintendent's report.
- B. Principal's Report

- Lynn Silk told the Committee about a new intramural program for K-2 students headed up by volunteer Jeannette Yanush.
 - There were no questions about the principal's written report.
- C. Special Education Report
- Betsy Dyer discussed her written report. She highlighted that some students have been dismissed due to excellent progress. This spring her team will be focusing on ensuring that students are identified using the most correct descriptor.
- D. Finance Report
- Kelly Theriault was in attendance, but there were no questions from the Committee.
- E. Committees
- a. Website-The Committee had a written report from Tim Surette. Gary Drinkwater asked if this was the website where meetings are posted. Lynn Silk informed him that it was and that Tim Surette was very punctual about posting items as soon as he received them.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Contract Extensions

- a. The Superintendent is nominating Mrs. Abby Davis a second year as a probationary teacher.

Moved: Toni Meservey Seconded: Greg Hobson Vote: 5-0

- b. The Superintendent is nominating Jessica Corkum a continuing contract.

Moved: Toni Meservey Seconded: Scott Hayden Vote: 5-0

B. Joint Minutes from the March 22, 2011 meeting of the Milford School Committee and the Milford Selectmen.

Moved: Gary Drinkwater Seconded: Michael Bond Vote: 5-0

IX. Correspondence-None

X. Add-on

- A. Mrs. Saucier has volunteered to organize and supervise a Spring Track Club for the Dr. Lewis S. Libby School. The School Committee entertained a motion to adopt this program for the Spring 2011 Season and to approve such funds as written in the proposal.

Moved: Greg Hobson Seconded: Toni Meservey Vote: 5-0

- B. The Chaisson Field Committee would like to purchase a multi-use cross country, soccer, softball/baseball scoreboard. They propose to split the costs between the Chaisson Field Committee, the PTO and the Milford School Department. This scoreboard, as well as an identical one purchased earlier, will become the property of the Milford School Department. The proposed cost to the Milford School Department is \$750.

Moved: Toni Meservey Seconded: Gary Drinkwater Vote: 5-0

C. Gary Drinkwater discussed a swim program that he has learned about from another school. In this school, students in grades PK-2 go to swimming lessons two times per week from April to June. Gary Drinkwater wanted to know more about the possibility of developing such a program for the Dr. Lewis S. Libby School. He asked for a show of hands from the Committee about asking Superintendent MacDonald to look into the logistics, including costs, of creating a swim program for the Dr. Lewis S. Libby School.

XI. Public Comments

- A question was asked about whether or not administrators, specifically Lynn Silk, will be involved in the interviews for Superintendent. The comment addressed the importance of having a person trained in the new standards-based procedures involved in the process. Michael Bond replied that usually one administrator and two teachers were part of the interviewing process.

XII Other

Motion to enter executive session to discuss superintendent search.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing issues regarding negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A)

Moved: Toni Meservey Seconded: Gary Drinkwater Vote: 5-0

Time In: 7:22 PM

Time Out: 8:44

Action Taken:

Motion to amend bargaining agreement to have bereavement leave include grandfather, grandmother, and grandchildren under immediate family.

Moved: Toni Meservey Seconded: Greg Hobson Vote: 5-0

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved: Gary Drinkwater Seconded: Toni Meservey Vote: 5-0

Next Regular School Committee Meeting: May 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned 8:45.