

Minutes
 Milford School Committee Meeting
 January 18, 2018 @ 6:00 PM
 Dr. Lewis S. Libby School

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Present
Ann Goodwin, Chair	X
Marija Grange, Vice Chair	X
Armanda Day, Member	X
Greg Hobson, Member	X
Ashley Thornton, Member	X

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| I. | Call to Order | 6:06 p.m. | Chair |
| II. | Declaration of Quorum | Quorum declared | Chair |
| III. | Flag Salute | Done | Chair |
| IV. | Public Comment | No Public Comment | Chair |
| V. | Additions and Amendments to Agenda
Move item VIII A . re: Maine State Billing Services and MaineCare reimbursement to precede VII Reports and Discussions requested by Chair Ann Goodwin
Discuss Oil Bid under new business requested by board member Armanda Day.
Revisit the Postal Service mail delivery delay also requested by Armanda Day. | | Chair |
| VI. | Approval of Minutes
A. December 18, 2017 | | Chair |
| | Motion: <u>Armanda Day</u> Seconded: <u>Marija Grange</u> Vote: <u>4-0 / 1 abstain</u> | | |
| VII. | REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS: | | |
| | A. Superintendent's Report
No formal report tonight | | Superintendent |
| | B. Principal's Report
Report submitted. Principal Trish Clark shows a Video on the "Power of Positive" illustrating many examples of Lewis Libby students illustrating the power of positive outlooks manifested in strong one-word expressions. Principal Clark also adds a commendation/kudos for student council advisor and student council activity. | | Principal |
| | C. Special Education Director's Report
Report submitted: Amy adds that the total number of Identified SpEd students has dropped from 77-75 and the number of referrals has also decreased. | | Director |
| | D. Athletic Director's Report
Report as submitted. Athletic Director Donna Conary adds that the number of officials has been dropping; for example, the allowable number of soccer officials required is one, better to have two, one is difficult, but the number of available officials has also dropped. | | Athletic Director |
| | E. Finance Report
Report submitted. | | Business Manager |

F. Committees

Committee Chairs

Policy subcommittee report: Armanda Day summarizes the work done at the policy subcommittee meeting today, informs the board that part of the new policy will note the need for a school email for committee members for school business.

Consolidation committee: Ashley Thornton comments on the area first consolidation meeting, that the committee started out with how they were going to start to collect information.

VIII. New Business

Superintendent

A. Explanation and status information from Maine State billing services for Milford and MaineCare reimbursement presented by Jason Black.

Jason Black provided a comprehensive explanation of Maine State Billing services they are now providing the Milford School District / Lewis S. Libby School. Jason provided examples of the type of services that are Mainecare reimbursable, discussed the startup period of time for a new school to begin to see reimbursement, and answered several questions from the committee regarding impact of the reimbursement billing to Mainecare on other sources of federal funding for the school such as Local Entitlement. During the discussion, Jason explained the startup process involved significant training, and research and data collection and interpretation; consequently, the district should expect the actual startup year reimbursement to fall short of the actual reimbursement capacity for the district. In other words, it is unlikely that our expectation for the first year will be met. Jason also remarked that the impact of Mainecare reimbursement on other Federal Funds involves a shifting of some of those Federal dollars to other programs within the budget and does not necessarily indicate a dollar by dollar loss of Federal dollars though he was unable to provide specific watershed markers.

B. Discuss makeup options for the six canceled School Days.

With input from staff members present at the meeting, the school committee discussed the pros and cons of a variety of options for making up excess school cancelation days. Accumulating additional time before and after the normal school day, Saturday school days, and taking a day or two from the February and April school vacation weeks were among the approaches discussed. The discussion concluded with School committee consensus that Saturday school is not a desirable approach, neither is using school vacation days for makeup days, a small increment of time before and/or after school is a reasonable concept. However, the school committee consensus at this time is that the makeup issue should be handled in the standard way by adding each of the missed days to the traditional 5 makeup days published in the school calendar.

C. Discuss upcoming budget workshop schedule and the possibility of approaching the budget in segments.

The committee responded to a draft calendar schedule for the budget development workshops. Committee members declared Wednesday and Thursday evenings as the common days of committee member availability. Final consensus was that the first workshop will be Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, and then every Wednesday in March. Additional workshops may be scheduled if needed. All budget workshops will begin at 5:30 p.m. and run no later than 7:30 p.m. Each workshop will focus on one of several segments of the budget. Business Manager Carrie Smart will produce a final budget workshop calendar following tonight's meeting. Prior to each meeting, a more detailed agenda for the targeted section of the budget will be published. Facebook and OneCall messaging strategies will also be implemented in an attempt to make the budget workshops more widely publicized.

IX. Old Business

Superintendent

A. Joint Oil Bid with the town

Business Manager Carrie Smart updated the committee on discussions with town officials and staff regarding a combined bid. Carrie recommends that the district at least go in with the town in soliciting bids for oil and service also and see what happens, what comes in. The committee concurs and Carrie will continue the conversation.

B. Revisit Postal Issue and Board member packets for School Committee Meetings

Committee member Armanda Day notes that, for today's January 18 meeting, the board member mailings were postmarked January 11, 2018, but members did not receive them in the mail until Jan. 15. Armanda recommends that Emily continue emailing the packet to the board members, but that she should hold the mailing of the packets and bring them to the board meeting so that all members will have them.

X. ACTION ITEMS:
No Action Items

Superintendent

XI. Public Comments on Agenda Items Chair
No Public Comment

XII. Executive Session Committee
Recommendation: That the School Committee goes into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing –
Support Staff contract negotiations

- Administrative evaluations pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A)
 - Personnel matters pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A)
 - Student discipline pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(B)
 - Teacher/support staff negotiations pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(D)
- Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of staff negotiations update
pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(D)

Motion: Armanda Day Seconded: Marija Grange Vote: 5-0

Time In: 7:40 p.m. Time Out: 8:06 p.m.

No Action

- Legal matters pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(E)

XIII. Other: Chair
Next proposed meeting date: **February 15, 2018**

XIV. Adjourn **8:08 p.m.** Chair

Motion: Armanda Day Seconded: Ashley Thornton Vote: 5-0