



Milford Board of Education Meeting Summary

The Milford Board of Education held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at 7 p.m. at Mulberry Elementary.

The following business was conducted:

Special Presentation

Jeff Johnson gave an update on the high school construction project. He reported that all projects are on target for the opening of school with the exception of an administrative area at the high school, which will be ready in October. The original deadline for completion of this space was in December 2010, so it is ahead of schedule. A PowerPoint presentation with photos of the changes will be posted on the district website.

- **Ninth Grade Community**
This addition is near completion with furnishings in place, a new reception area, as well as several science labs and classrooms with enhanced storage. A renovated entryway facing the old modular units will be the main entrance used primarily for students riding the bus. There is also a new cafeteria, separate kitchen and storage areas, a music and band wing which includes a choral room, a band room, and eight practice rooms.
- **Other High School Renovations**
The main high school administration area is one of the final areas to complete. The windows and roof are in, and before the end of July, ceilings and light fixtures will be installed. The entrance and administrative areas will not be ready until October. Work is also progressing on Bauer Commons, which includes a serpentine wall with an area where students can congregate throughout the day.
- **Junior High School**
A modular unit from the 9th grade community will be relocated behind the Success Academy and will be used by the Junior High School. Beginning utility work is underway for the addition of four new classrooms that will be completed in January 2011.
- **Athletic Facilities**
The high school swimming pool is being completely refurbished and all renovations will be complete before school opens. The softball stadium is located behind the tennis courts with softball practice fields on Eagles Way. The tennis courts are ready and will be open to the general public beginning July 19th. In August, the tennis teams will start practicing on these courts. The track has been resurfaced and the new surface is now red.

Other Presentations

The Business Advisory Council did not present a report, but Dr. Farrell noted that they will hold their next meeting on July 28, at 3:30 pm. The BAC will focus on recommendations from the Board including the relationships between school and business. In upcoming meetings they will be analyzing the overall costs of turf versus grass at the stadium.

In public participation, Milford senior Margaret Craycraft spoke to the Board about the development of a Seipelt Alumni Association. A group of current students is working to set up non-profit status and raise seed money. They have set up a Facebook page and email address, seipeltalumni@yahoo.com, which will have a link from the district website.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved financial reports for the month ended June 30, 2010.

Mr. Seymour reported that the Board asked the administration to target a 2% savings on the appropriations (budget) for FY10. Additional cuts enabled the district to increase these savings to 3% which translates into an annual savings of \$1.8 million.

He also reported a shortfall of \$700,000 in revenue (state funding loss and real estate taxes). Mr. Seymour also discussed the implication of Duke Energy and its appeal to reduce the amount of money it pays in personal property taxes. The potential loss to the district is \$580,000 annually.

Superintendent's Report

The Board approved:

- Melodie May, Director of Extended Day, 1 year contract
- Dan Yeager, MJHS Assistant Principal, 2 year contract
- Second reading of the following policies:

-Graduation Exercise

-Student Fees, Fines and Charges

-Admission of Interdistrict Transfer Students

Beginning July 19, 2010, the district will accept students from other districts based on openings in each building. Preference is always given to residents, then staff members' children, then children from out of the district. No teachers or special services will be added to handle the increased enrollment. The district will receive \$6,000 in additional state funding for each student. The application period ends on August 16. More details will be on the district website.

- Revised school calendar for 2010-2011
The state has now allowed three waiver days instead of two. Now, January 28, 2011 will be a teacher in-service day and November 2, 2010 will be a waiver day.
- Preschool Handbook for 2010-2011
- Recognition and presentation of certificate of appreciation to representatives from Coldwell Banker West Shell for their donation of \$5,000 and zoo passes for the Eagle Explorer Summer Camp.
- Participation in the National School Lunch Program, National School Breakfast Program and National School Snack Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

Curriculum

Second reading of K-5 Mathematics Textbooks and High School AP Psychology Textbook

Human Resources

Approved certified and classified resignations and recommendations for 2010-2011 including substitute teachers, tutors, aides, building supplemental contracts, athletic supplemental contracts, volunteers, and summer school teachers.

Executive Session

The Board met in executive session to discuss:

- The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individuals unless such person requests a public hearing.
- Conferences with an attorney concerning disputes involving pending or imminent court action.

No action was taken.

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Mulberry Elementary.