

**MHS Renovation Project  
Steering Committee**

April 8, 2025

4:00-5:30 p.m. – MHS Library

Present: Paul Dargie, Nicole Forrence, Ryan Freed, Lance Whitehead, Christi Michaud, Irene Soucy, Karin Cevasco, Bill Cooper, Lyndsay Curtis, Jan Radowicz

Absent: Jenny Graves, Samantha Belcourt, Chris Motika, Fred Hobbs, Julie Spence, Melissa Mack, Tim Finan

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome

- Christi wanted to take a moment to talk and celebrate the group's efforts (flyers, videos, etc). All of our efforts got us to 57% of the vote which is amazing. We did a phenomenal job with our efforts and we learned a lot.

2. MHS/CTE Project Update

- Neither Milford's nor Jaffrey's projects passed their community votes March 11
- House committee did not include any funds in the budget for either project
- The directive for the house budget committee was to come in at certain amount
- Though the governor supports CTE, she did not fund both projects, so the committee chose not to fund that line - it was \$0
- Christi spoke with committee, how close the vote was, and that we would like to approach a CTE-only project
- House committee put \$1 in the budget line and are coming in \$10 million below their target figure, then sent to senate
- Senate could decide to add the \$10 million back into the CTE budget line - if so, it would be for Milford (Jaffrey indicated they are not going to bring the project back to their voters)
- We would need to have another community vote
- A CTE-only project would cost \$3.82 million if we hold to the same total amount
  - We would need to revise the scope based on escalation costs
- The vote in the house is this Thursday, April 10 - then it will go to the senate
  - The Committee of Conference will be in May, and then the budget will be sent to the governor
  - The budget needs to be completed by June 30
- If we do not get funding in this biennium budget, then we can apply for funding next year but will need to compete with other school proposals
- Look at a CTE After Dark program - is there some unclaimed grant funding we could apply for?

3. Next Steps

- We need to ramp up our messaging - 66% of Milford adults do not have a college

degree

- Share the value of having a technical education in high school
- Share that the high school building needs will go through the CIP process
- Should we consider a CTE Expendable Trust? Concord has one.
  - State law says we can charge up to 3% extra for CTE tuition to go toward equipment repair/replacement
- Should we open this group up to include parents from JMS and HP to share information with parents of younger students?
- Have students make posters about the March vote
- We should be hopeful that it could pass with a third try
- Could voter information go into Milford Thrives information?
- Include in recreation sign ups that there is a March vote?
- Send absentee ballots to students who have graduated in the last 3 years?
  - Help parents understand absentee voting?
  - Have absentee ballot request forms at school events

#### 4. Next Meeting Date

- Date will be set after we know about the state budget
- TBD - 4:00-5:30 PM