

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION UNIT #64
MILTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016
NUTE HIGH SCHOOL AND LIBRARY
PUBLIC SESSION**

School Board Members: Douglas Shute – Chairman, Brandy Banks, Stefanie Berry, Lue Snyder, Paul Steer.

Administration: Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle – Financial Manager, Anne Kebler – Student Services Director. Bob Adams- Facilities Manager.

Visitors: Lynette McDougall, Miranda Mhyre, Barbara Hughes, Sally Riley.

• Douglas Shute called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Lue Snyder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of last meeting, 4-13-16

- Stefanie Berry made the motion to accept the public minutes of the last meeting 4-13-16 as amended. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Berry – yes, Snyder – yes, Steer – yes (5-0-0)
- Brandy Banks made the motion to accept the nonpublic session minutes of the last meeting 4-13-16 as amended. Paul Steer seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Berry – yes, Snyder – yes, Steer – yes (5-0-0)

School Board Business:

Ballfields

◊ Bob Adams explained what was happening with the ballfields renovations. The ballfield will be renovated and moved 30 feet toward the parking lot the legal size for girls' softball. The propane tanks will have to be removed. The Irving gas company is coming to assess the cost of the tanks removal. There are a lot of people volunteering their time to get the fields ready. There is no specific time line but the volunteers are trying to finish this summer.

◦ Douglas Shute asked if there was a cost to the school and will the fence stay in place? Will the drain be affected?

• Bob Adams replied that there is no cost to the school as of right now. Volunteers are doing the work. The fence has to be moved thirty-seven to the right side. The drain will not be affected.

◦ Lue Snyder asked if there will be a cost for the tank removal or will Irving remove them for free.

• Bob Adams replied that until Irving assesses the tank removal he will not know if there will be a cost.

- Paul Steer asked if home plate was moved, if the renovation would be easier.
- Bob Adams replied it would not because of the way the tanks are in place.
- Stefanie Berry was concerned if the school is asked to pay for the cost of the tank removal.

- Miranda Myhre stated there is an issue not having enough parking.
- Stefanie Berry stated that a car can be at risk by being hit from a ball.

- Lue Snyder asked about the soccer fields in Milton Mills.
- Michael Tursi stated the only budgeted amount for the fields is a maintenance fee of \$4500.00 per year.
- Lue Snyder stated the cost per year does not include water.

- Douglas Shute stated he would like to see a crossover from Milton Elementary School to Nute Middle/High School parking lot.
- Lue Snyder suggested putting a culvert in place.

- Stefanie Berry suggested reaching out to local groups to fundraise for the maintenance funds.
- Douglas Shute made the motion to nominate Stefanie Berry to contact local groups to fundraise for the \$4500.00 maintenance fee. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Berry – yes, Snyder – yes, Steer – yes (5-0-0)

- Lue Snyder stated she would like more information on the tank removal.
- Paul Steer stated that the board does not move forward until the next meeting on May 11, 2016 when more information is available.

Sau Planning:

- Douglas Shute asked if the contract with Somersworth SAU include transportation.
- Michael Tursi replied that it would depend on what was in the proposal. Michael Tursi reached out to Somersworth SAU. Their joint board will meet and discuss the possibility of Milton using their SAU resources part time. Somersworth will put a proposal together and Michael Tursi will present the information at the next Milton School Board meeting.

- Lue Snyder stated that it should be a school board decision to decide on a bus coordinator.
- Stefanie Berry wanted to know what is legally needed for staff for the new SAU.
- Lue Snyder stated the board should decide if they want to use full time staff, two days, three day and part-time positions.
- Douglas Shute reminded the board members that names cannot be discussed in public, only positions.

- Paul Steer suggested making a list of the monthly expenses that are fixed every month and start forming the estimated costs of the new SAU. Required items for the new SAU may include:

*Maintenance Agreements
Postage Meter*

*Technical Services
GED Program*

*Auditor
Software*

<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Replacement Computers</i>	<i>Travel Requirements</i>
<i>Dues and Fees</i>	<i>Special Education Director</i>	<i>Payroll Clerk</i>
<i>Curriculum Coordinator</i>		<i>Court Liaison</i>
<i>Administrative Secretary</i>		<i>Child Find Coordinator</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>		

- Douglas Shute asked if they could eliminate positions.
- Michael Tursi replied that the board should think of building, not eliminating.
- Paul Steer and Douglas Shute would like to combine some of the jobs to one person.
- Lue Snyder stated that the board can go to the Trustees of the Maintenance and Repair fund for small projects and maintenance jobs.
- Barbara Hughes is concerned that the Trustees may not approve the payment for the work being completed.

Meetings at town hall:

- Douglas Shute stated that if the school board meetings are to be held at the town hall so they can be videoed, board members must step up to be responsible for the security code and key.
 - Stefanie Berry stated that she is willing to be trained to use the video equipment. Stefanie would like to find others who are willing to be trained. Stefanie would like to reach out to students who would like to be trained and communicate more often with students and others who want to help.
 - Brandy Banks stated that students have been asked to volunteer to record meetings.
 - Stefanie Berry and Paul Steer volunteered to run the cameras.
 - Lynette McDougall stated that it would be better if someone outside of the board run the cameras.
 - Bob stated that he would help run the cameras.
 - Lue Snyder stated that the meetings will be more visible to the towns people.
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- Barbara Hughes asked if the public meeting will be declared to ask the trustees for the money for the oil tank removal.
 - Sally Riley asked if the board will revisit tuitioning out high school students.
 - Douglas Shute stated it is approximately \$14,000.00 per student.
 - Stefanie Berry stated the board will find out costs and look into different schools. The information was not made public.
 - Douglas Shute disagreed with Stefanie Berry and stated the student tuitioning meeting was one of the best attended.
 - Paul Steer also stated that the meeting was well advertised and the information was discussed.
 - Lue Snyder stated the school board tried joining schools at a regional meeting.
 - ◊ Michael Tursi explained that the board should form a committee and write the advisory warrant article and then follow through with the voters want to do and need more information about students and schools. The advisory article will be voted on in March.

- Sally Riley asked since so many SAU services are being cut will parents have a choice of where to send students.
- Stefanie Berry replied that they may have to cut extra school stuff like after school programs and sports.
- Douglas Shute stated that the cuts are being made because Wakefield voted to separate from SAU 64.
- Douglas Shute replied that they would give details and include an estimate.
- Brandy Banks stated that the voters also need to know the school must have a partial SAU for the elementary school students.

◇ Michael Tursi explained the decision from the voters in 2009 for the renovations were denied. When the voters decide what they want to do, restoration and maintenance for the school buildings or tuition out high school students. Then put out the information the voters agree to best meet the needs of the school, students and town.

◦ Stefanie Berry stated that the buildings are old and need lots of work. Does the town want low taxes or an excellent school system? Stefanie wants to look at the 2009 report and pick up from there.

- Anne Kebler stated that there has been significant work that has been done in the Milton Elementary School.
- Lue Snyder would like everybody in town a chance to look at the information, not just the people who have children in the schools.

Public Comment:

- Barbara Hughes stated that there is so much going on with the new SAU, it falls on deaf ears.
- Sally Riley asked which report Mr. Tursi was referring too and if the report is on the SAU website for public viewing?
- Michael Tursi replied that the report is on the SAU website for public viewing.
- Stefanie Berry would like the board to look at other high schools to send Milton High School students and bring the information to voters.

- Brandy Banks made the motion to enter the nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II a,b,c,d at 6:55pm. Paul Steer seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Berry – yes, Snyder – yes, Steer – yes (5-0-0)
- Paul Steer made the motion to adjourn the public session of the Milton School Board meeting at 8:15pm. Brandy seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Berry – yes, Snyder – yes, Steer – yes (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,
 Mary Collins
 Milton School Board Secretary

Approved 5-11-16