

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton Public Hearing / School Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2015
Community Room Nute High School & Library
Public Session**

School Board Members:

Douglas Shute – Chairman, Brandy Banks, Tim Long, Paul Steer, Ann Walsh

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle – Business Administrator, Mary Wilson – Curriculum Coordinator, Anne Kebler – Student Services Director, Aaron Bronson – Principal of Nute Middle/High School, Doug Kilmister – Principal of Milton Elementary School

Visitors:

Bob Carrier and Miranda Myhre

Douglas Shute called this meeting to order at 6:00pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing:

Topics of public hearing are: Facilities Analysis of Nute and Roof work on the 1959 wing of the school.

- ❖ Cost of the Facilities Analysis - \$29,000.00.
- ❖ B R Jones cost for the roof project - \$58,942.86.
- ❖ Cost of both projects is \$87,942.86.
- ❖ Phase 2 of the roof project is due to be done this summer. This will include the roof over the shop and the flat roof over the multipurpose room at the elementary school.
- ❖ The study will include checking to see if the 1959 wing can handle snow loads.
- ❖ Majority of the study will be viewed from the interior. A few bore holes will be made on the exterior roof, these will be coated over.
- ❖ Once the \$87,942.86 is removed from the trust fund. \$5000.00 will remain.
- ❖ Trust fund currently contains \$92,900.00.

At this point, the public hearing was closed and the school board meeting began.

Ann Walsh made the motion to spend \$29,000.00 for the Facilities Analysis at Nute High School. This money will come from the Milton School District Building Maintenance Repair, Renovation and Capital Project Reserve Fund. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Brandy Banks made the motion for the B R Jones Company to do the roofing project at a cost of \$58,942.86. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Minutes of last meeting, April 8, 2015:

Tim Long made the motion to approve the public minutes of April 8, 2015 as amended. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board vote to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the nonpublic minutes of April 8, 2015 as written. Tim Long seconded this motion. The board voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Administration:

Curriculum Coordinator's Report:

Mary Wilson reviewed her report with everyone present.

- ❖ Highlights of the report:
 - ✓ Language Arts Year-At-a-Glance work is nearly completed.
 - ✓ Team of teachers and administrators went to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual convention.
- ❖ New information not in her report: Milton was chosen for a third year to receive a grant from the Department of Health and Human Service. The Student Services Program was approved for another year.
 - ✓ This program allows for a student assistant counselor to help with drug and alcohol abuse.
 - ✓ 50% of the funding for this program is in the operating budget.
 - ✓ The remaining 50% is from the grant.
 - ✓ Grant also allows for the Youth to Youth Group and Milton Matters.

Student Services Report:

Anne Kebler reviewed her report and the Special Education placements.

- ❖ Highlights of the report:
 - ✓ Developing programs for next year.
 - ✓ Transitioning students from Preschool to Kindergarten and students currently in grade 5 to grade 6.
 - ✓ Milton has been accepted for Next Step New Hampshire. This program allows for technical assistance for at risk students and their families.
 - ✓ Currently there are two Special Education Teacher openings in Nute Middle/H.S.
 - ✓ Currently looking at reorganizing the Special Education Dept. before assigning management of cases.

Principal Doug Kilmister:

- ❖ Highlights of Mr. Kilmister's report:

- ✓ Donna Houle was very instrumental in making the scheduling and testing of students in the Smarter Balanced Assessments a success.
- ✓ No MES families opted out of Smarter Balanced Assessments.
- ✓ Two more parents will be joining the MES CIA Team.
- ✓ The MES CIA Team meets twice a month. The first meeting will be more focused on the issues of concern and interest to parents.
- ✓ There will be a survey of parents, staff and students this spring. The survey will be administered by SWIFT.
- ✓ Spring Learning Fair will be May 21st.
- ✓ Usually MES has an additional fifteen students register for Kindergarten over the summer months.
- ✓ Current enrollment and number of classrooms used was provided.
- ✓ Upcoming events through May 21st were listed.
- ✓ MES Cafeteria – Mr. Kilmister will try to obtain more data from the students, staff and Café Services for the board.
- ✓ The board questioned how often Café Services surveys the students.

Principal Aaron Bronson:

❖ Highlights of Mr. Bronson's report:

- ✓ Spring testing (Smarter Balanced Assessments) are almost complete.
- ✓ Students are participating in a Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
 - Survey is being administered through the advisory program.
 - Milton has the highest risk students in the county.
 - Information from the survey is very helpful.
- ✓ Cafeteria:
 - Students and parents are raving about the food being served.
 - There has been an increase in meals served and a la carte items being sold.
- ✓ April 8th was an early release and curriculum development day.
 - Planning on having staff use common planning time to complete a Unit Validation Protocol.
- ✓ Mr. Bronson provided a calendar of upcoming events.

Superintendent's Report:

High School Graduation Date:

- ❖ High School Graduation will be held on June 12, 2015.
- ❖ The Dept. of Education has approved waiving six hours of the total number of yearly instructional hours for SENIORS ONLY (grade 12 students).
- ❖ June 22, 2015 will be last day of school for all students in grades Pre-K through grade 11.

Principal Search Update:

- ❖ Interviews began April 21st.
- ❖ Interview questions came from staff and students.
- ❖ All questions were vetted through the high school English department.

- ❖ Five candidates were interviewed on April 21st. The interviews allowed the number of candidates to three.
- ❖ These three candidates will meet with a different committee for interviews. This second committee will narrow the field down to two candidates.

Great Bay Community College:

- ❖ Has a program called "Dual Enrollment".
- ❖ Provides high achieving students will the chance to take college courses.
- ❖ Gain college credit while still in high school.
- ❖ Credits from Great Bay Community College are accepted at the University of New Hampshire.
- ❖ Cost of each course is \$250.00.
- ❖ Money for the course could be found in the budget. For example the AP Courses budget line, could be used to pay for college courses for students.
- ❖ Discussion held with Great Bay was one course per student; but students could take more courses.

Wakefield's SAU Withdrawal Planning Committee:

- ❖ First meeting was last Monday.
- ❖ The committee is looking at past withdrawal plans that were submitted to the state.
- ❖ The committee meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

Milton Town Selectmen:

- ❖ One of the selectmen contacted Mr. Tursi to discuss meetings between the town and school board prior to budget season.
- ❖ The school board and town selectmen could go over suggested budget prior to the start of budget season.
- ❖ School Board liked this suggestion and asked Mr. Tursi to set up a meeting.

School Board Business:

2015/16 Milton School District Calendar:

- ❖ Changes in the calendar were approved by the associations.

Paul Steer made the motion to approve the 2015/2016 Milton School District Calendar. Tim Long seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Old Business:

Bulkhead Roof:

- ❖ Appears as if there is either rot or short shingles on the bulkhead roof.
- ❖ Could B R Jones Company look at the bulkhead when they come to do the other work?
- ❖ Suggested to possibly place a metal roof on the bulkhead instead of shingles.

Technology Plan:

- ❖ Principals should have their technology committee meet together to form a Milton School Plan.
- ❖ Possibly at budget time, place money in the technology plan for upcoming needs. Money was being placed in the Special Education line. Special Education line has built up funds and the board should now look at the technology line to be built up.

Greenhouse at Nute:

- ❖ Heater, electricity and water are needed for the greenhouse. Do we have a cost of these items?
- ❖ Heater is currently costing about \$800.00.

Committee/Board Members Reports:

- ❖ Has the New Hampshire School Board received an updated list of the Milton School Board Members? Response: Yes.
- ❖ The Stipend list – was it voted upon? Response: No, it is part of the teacher’s contract.
- ❖ Harriman Report – Tim Long has requested a copy and has not yet received it. The report is on the website under community. Mr. Tursi will provide Mr. Long a hard copy if he desires. Also, there is a copy in the Nute School Library.

Budget Subcommittee:

- ❖ Met with the Milton Town Budget committee yesterday.
- ❖ Town budget committee has openings for a new member and a recording secretary.
- ❖ Stipend for a recording secretary is \$60.00 per session.

Parks and Recreation subcommittee:

- ❖ Playground at the town beach is making progress.
- ❖ The fence is currently being moved.

MES playground update:

- ❖ Consulted with insurance company and an architect among others.
- ❖ Problem with the proximity of the swings and the basketball court.
- ❖ Plans include moving both the swings and the basketball court.
- ❖ Plans include removing the dinosaur.
- ❖ Hoping to break ground on the first phase of the playground this summer.

Motion was made by Brandy Banks for the school board to enter the nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3ii c at 6:02pm. Tim Long seconded this motion. The board voted its approval as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

While the board was in nonpublic session; a leave request was discussed.

Brandy Banks made the motion to exit the nonpublic session at 7:19pm. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Public Session resumed:

The Joint School Board meeting will be at Nute School next week Wednesday.

Paul Steer made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:25pm. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted its approval as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary