

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT#64  
MILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

*Public Minutes*

**Call To Order/Flag Salute**

Chair Ann Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Present were board members Brandy Banks, Andy Crone, Paul Steer, and Doug Shute. Also present were Business Administrator Andrew D'Agostino, Superintendent Michael Tursi, Student Service Director Anne Kebler, Principal Aaron Bronson, Assistant Principal Caroline Roberge, Jeff Berry, Stefanie Berry, Randy Myhre, parents and a student.

Andy Crone led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment/Visitors**

Stefanie Berry invited the board to participate in a variety show hosted by the MES PTA on May 30<sup>th</sup>. She said that an ice cream social would be held from 5:30-6:30 with the variety show following.

Stefanie Berry also asked the board to consider Blizzard Bags in the future. Blizzard Bags are sometimes used during snow days. Students are sent home work to do in the anticipation of a snow day. Teachers are available on line to answer questions or help students. Blizzard bags would help keep the number of snow days that need to be made up in June down. Internet access at home may be a problem for some students. Mr. Tursi replied that it is something to consider but he is also looking at the number of hours that students are in school verses the number of days which may help cut down on the number of days. He will be bringing a plan to the board in the future.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Andy Crone moved, second by Brandy Banks, approve the public minutes of March 26, 2014 as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Doug Shute moved, second by Andy Crone, to approve the nonpublic minutes of March 26, 2014. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Administration**

Andrew D'Agostino reviewed the financial report with the board. The balance of the general fund as of March 31, 2014 was \$431,452.52. Ann said that last month we had at least \$700,000 in the general fund and it looked like the decrease was attributed to health insurance and special education. Andrew explained that Cheryl had gone through all of the health insurance lines to make sure all expenses were encumbered.

Brandy Banks moved, second by Andy Crone, to approve the February 2014 treasurer's report. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. D'Agostino passed out the June 30, 2013 audit for the board to review. He said that the only area that we were cited in was student accounts. He is working with the administration and secretaries in both schools to address the issues.

**Superintendent's Report** Mr. Tursi updated the board on his discussions with Farmington. Middleton had 88 high school students enrolled at Farmington High School. We have just under two hundred students. Farmington needs to

confirm that they have the space for our students. The addition of our students would put Farmington over the 500 capacity it was built for. Mr. Tursi said that Somersworth has reached out to us again.

Mr. Tursi then explained the following options – Joint Maintenance Agreement, a Cooperative School, an Area Agreement, or a Tuition Agreement. Mr. Tursi asked the board what agreement would suit Milton best. The board felt that a Cooperative School would be our best option because board members would be elected and we would still have a voice.

Stephanie Berry asked the board to consider other options such as Noble or Wolfeboro. The board asked Mr. Tursi to reach out to those school districts as well.

The board briefly discussed our other options including the renovation of Nute and/or adding a second floor to the middle school.

Jeff Berry questioned whether or not it would be more cost effective to outsource students. Academics need to be taken into consideration while we are looking at the other districts. Mr. Tursi assured everyone that his main focus would be on what is academically best for the students in Milton.

Stephanie Berry expressed her space concerns at the elementary school.

Mr. Tursi will continue to move forward and gather information about all of our options.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Tursi confirmed that all board members received a copy of the stipend list that had been requested by Mr. Shute.

Ann asked if there had been any communications with the MEA regarding negotiations. Mr. Tursi said that he was waiting for dates and times from the MEA.

#### **Committee/Board Member Reports**

Both the policy and facility committees met before the meeting. They are preparing policies for a first reading and discussing roofing and flooring issues with the Facilities Director.

Doug reported that the recreation commission was expecting their geese problem to start anytime.

#### **School Board Business**

Chair Walsh asked the board if they had reviewed the information on the Harriman proposals presented at the last meeting. Two proposals were put forth, one for a facilities analysis of Nute and one for a program analysis of Nute. The board agreed that a facility analysis needed to be done to help provide information to the community about any necessary renovation work and the future of Nute. The program analysis can be done at any time. It was suggested that this may be something we should do for the elementary school in the future. Mr. Tursi confirmed that both proposals could be paid for out of the capital reserve maintenance fund.

Andy Crone moved to approve the expenditure for the Harriman facility analysis. There was no second. After discussion the board agreed that the project needs to be put out to bid.

The board reviewed a request from the senior class for a senior class overnight trip to Zoar Outdoor in Charlemont, Ma. For a zip-lining and white water rafting trip.

Brandy Banks moved, second by Andy Crone, to approve the overnight senior class trip to . All were in favor and the motion passed.

The board reviewed quotes for a multi-purpose passenger vehicle(van) purchase.

Doug Shute moved, second by Andy Crone, to approve the purchase of a 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan from Foss Motors, Inc. in Exeter, NH in the amount of \$21,437 (\$5,172 per year). All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Nonpublic Session**

Brandy Banks moved, second by Paul Steer, to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a),(b) at 7:28PM. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Banks, yes; Crone, yes; Steer, yes; and Shute, yes.

While in nonpublic session a family explained a brief discipline issue to the board.

The board accepted the resignation of Ashley Hall as a para-educator. The board also approved the nomination of Mary Crossley as a para-educator.

The board approved the following list of teacher nominations for the 2014-2015 school year:

Anderson, Laurel	55,279	Kindergarten	Nominate
Anderson, Mackenzie	40,932	English	Nominate
Baker, Penny	52,879	Business	Nominate
Bierweiler, Fredrick	50,312	Industrial Arts	Nominate
Burrows, Lisa	42,038	Guidance Counselor	Nominate
Cahoon, Katherine	33,301	Elementary	Nominate
Campbell, Catharine	33,301	Math	Nominate
Clark, Anna	38,958	Social Studies	Nominate
Coffey, Melissa	42,570	Music	Nominate
Contorchick, Brian	45,161	Social Studies	Nominate
Currier, DonnaMarie	45,161	Student Assistance Counselor	Nominate
Currier, Scott	42,570	Math	Nominate
Davis, Julie	50,831	Family & Consumer Science	Nominate
Decker, Douglas	55,479	English	Nominate
Doane, Marianne	57,065	Elementary	Nominate
Dooda, Amanda	36,390	Social Studies	Nominate
Downing, Fern	43,846	ELO Coordinator	Nominate
Drolet, Andrea	55,930	Special Education	Nominate
Drolet, Michael	47,913	Social Studies	Nominate
Eaves, Kelly	53,939	Elementary	Nominate
Everett, Susan	52,444	Kindergarten	Nominate
Favorite, Patricia	50,992	School Nurse	Nominate
Ftizhenry, Michelle	45,161	Elementary	Nominate
Gay, Sarah	46,517	Special Education	Nominate
Henner, Christine	47,914	Science	Nominate
Houle, Donna	40,932	Technology	Nominate
Johnson, Karen	52,444	Physical Education	Nominate
Kirwan, Sabrina	49,350	Math	Nominate

Lang, Kathleen	41,330	Math/Science	Nominate
Lewis, Dawayne	32,357	Elementary	Nominate
Marquis, Renaie	50,312	Elementary	Nominate
Marsh, Barbara	47,914	Special Education	Nominate
McKearin, Ann	50,831	Reading	Nominate
McKellar, Travis	47,914	Special Education	Nominate
Monterose, Krin	42,570	Music	Nominate
Myhre, Miranda	43,846	Librarian	Nominate
Nason, Meghan	35,672	Special Education	Nominate
Normand, Sarah	48,392	Social Studies	Nominate
Ordway, Wanda	53,939	Elementary	Nominate
Quimette, Melissa	19,414	Art	Nominate
Paine, Erin	35,359	Special Education	Nominate
Perkins, David	32,357	Science	Nominate
Phoenix, Lisa	55,279	Spanish	Nominate
Salinger, Melissa	46,517	Special Education	Nominate
Seigars, Emily	54,799	Art	Nominate
Sharrow, Kirk	52,444	Physical Education	Nominate
Soucy, Laurianne	54,799	Elementary	Nominate
Soucy, Rebecca	47,913	English	Nominate
Spilios, Sarah	36,390	Special Education	Nominate
Talbot, Erica	37,844	Guidance Counselor	Nominate
Thompson, Laura	46,517	Special Education	Nominate
Trafton, Michelle	47,913	Elementary	Nominate
Tursi, Nicole	45,161	Reading Specialist	Nominate
VanCoesant, Andre	40,125	Math	Nominate
Walker, Kristin	36,390	Grade 6	Nominate
Welch, Susan	50,312	School Nurse	Nominate
Young, Bonny	43,846	Foreign Language	Nominate

The board discussed discipline issues with the superintendent.

Andy Crone moved, second by Doug Shute, to come out of nonpublic session at 8:22PM. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Banks, yes; Crone, yes; Steer, yes; Shute, yes.

### **Adjournment**

Andy Crone moved, second by Paul Steer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23PM. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Walsh  
Board Chair

Minutes are a draft until approved.

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_