

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 27, 2014
Community Room and Cafeteria Nute High School & Library**

Milton School Board:

Ann Walsh – Chairperson, Brandy Banks, Andy Crone, Douglas Shute, Paul Steer

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Anne Kebler – Student Service Director,
Aaron Bronson – Principal Nute High School, Caroline Roberge – Assistant Principal Nute High School,
Doug Kilmister – Principal of Milton Elementary School

Visitors:

Dave Buchanan, Kerry Buchanan, Anessa Cummer, Pam Pennell, Janice Dawns, Cody Dawns,
Stefanie Berry, Laura Noseworthy, Tommy Crandall, Nancy Ohlenbusch, Peg Hund, Lou Snyder, Jessica
Jenkins, Mike Bridges, Amy bridges, Miranda Myhre, Lisa Alexander, Kelly Eaves, Scott Carrier
I apologize if I missed anyone.

Ann Walsh called the meeting to order at 5:01pm. Andy Crone led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ann Walsh made a motion to enter a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II a & b. at 5:02pm.
Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted to enter a nonpublic session as follows:
Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

In this nonpublic session the board met with students and their parents regarding their hearings.

A motion was made by Brandy Banks to adjourn from the nonpublic session at 5:59pm. Andy Crone seconded this motion. The school board members voted on this motion as follows: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

The public session resumed at 6:05pm in Nute High School’s cafeteria.

Public/Visitor Comments:

- Has the school ever considered connecting children with licensed behavioral therapists?
Response: The board will look into this question.
- On Saturday, Sept. 20th the PTA needs volunteers for Pride Day activities.

Tammy Crandall representing the Milton Elementary School PTA:

- There are facilities at the elementary school that need to be repaired. Some of the items are: Toilets need to be replaced, screen repairs, cracks in hallways, ceiling tiles need replacing, poison ivy near basketball court needs to be removed, swings need to be removed, painting is needed.
- Also the PTA would like move communication between the school board, administration and the PTA in order to know what can and cannot be addressed. The PTA may be able to set aside money to address some of the school's needs.

The school responded by asking to have a copy of Ms. Crandall's complete list. We are entering budget season. This is the time to address these issues in terms of personnel and monies.

High School Update:

Harriman facilities analysis:

Mr. Dan Bisson, with Harriman Architects and Engineers, presented the facilities analysis. A copy of this analysis will be located in the library at Nute High School. A very informative lecture was given followed by a question and answer session. A few of the topics mentioned were:

- ❖ Report is based on facts and standards
- ❖ Americans with Disabilities Act was considered
- ❖ Upgrading the buildings
- ❖ Adding a second floor
- ❖ Seismic activities codes are stringent
- ❖ Engineers as well as architects looked over the buildings
- ❖ 1890 building shell is very salvageable
- ❖ Areas without insulation
- ❖ Wet basement
- ❖ Registering the 1890's building as historic
- ❖ Ventilation
- ❖ Weight of snow on roofs
- ❖ Sprinkler systems
- ❖ Stage area
- ❖ Storage areas
- ❖ Parking lot ramp
- ❖ Stairs
- ❖ The approximate cost of a 2nd floor addition on the high school would be 4 to 7 million dollars.

Enrollment Projections:

A ten year enrollment projection was completed. Based upon this projection we are not seeing a major fluctuation in Milton's enrollment. The projection was based upon many items. Some of the items taken under consideration were:

- ❖ Birth Rates
- ❖ Home sales
- ❖ Home schooled students
- ❖ Students attending private schools

❖ **Businesses**

Milton is looking towards a steady student population/enrollment over the next ten years.

Somersworth schools were discussed among the school board and those present. Discussed were the cost and the potential savings of sending Milton students to Somersworth. After much discussion, it was recommended that the board focus on one option – either send Milton students out of Milton or repair the Milton school buildings. If Milton sent the high school students to another district; the buildings would still need repair for the elementary and middle school students.

Douglas Shute made a motion that Milton does not send their students to another school district for high school. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The school board voted as follows on this motion: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

Mr. Tursi recommended that we look into all of the life safety issues in order to bring information to the ballot this spring.

Administration:

Student and Staff Handbooks and Principal Reports:

- ❖ Each principal spoke of the first day of school as being very successful.
- ❖ In the elementary school handbook, the words “our” and “we” are used instead of “I”.
- ❖ The discipline section of the elementary handbook is going through changes.
- ❖ 20-30% of the contents in the elementary handbook either is new or has been updated.
- ❖ There is more description of the elementary school functions.

Andy Crone made the motion to accept the Milton Elementary School Handbook. Brandy Banks seconded Mr. Crone’s motion. The board voted to accept the elementary school handbook as follows: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

- ❖ The middle school and high school handbooks (student and staff) have not had any significant changes made to them this year.
- ❖ The middle/high school handbook is posted on the school website.
- ❖ Should a hard copy be requested, then the school will print one.

Douglas Shute made the motion to adopt the middle/high school handbooks. Andy Crone seconded Mr. Shute’s’ motion. The school board voted as follows on accepting the middle/high school handbooks: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

Minutes of last meeting on July 9, 2014:

Paul Steer made the motion to accept the public and nonpublic minutes of July 9, 2014 as amended. Andy Crone seconded Mr. Steer’s motion. The school board voted on this motion as follows: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

Superintendent’s Report:

Keene Summer Summit:

- ❖ The summit was a four day event.
- ❖ Team heard both national and local speakers.

- ❖ The team from Milton had a lot of time to discuss not only what they heard and learned from the speakers, but also time to discuss team teaching and co-teaching methods.
- ❖ Overall it was a very informative summit.

On Monday, August 25th the entire SAU staff met with teachers. Mr. Tursi spoke about variability vs disability in students. Our superintendent also spoke about among other items using variability for teaching.

Feedback from the students about the Café Services lunch was fantastic. The students liked the quality and variety of the food. Students told Mr. Tursi that they would not eat the school lunch last year, but after seeing what was offered Monday, they intended to eat this year. One student even made a point of showing Mr. Tursi that he had a real chicken breast on this lunch tray!

The SAU has MRI coming in to cover for Mr. D’Agostino until a replacement can be hired. MRI voiced their extreme delight at finding the fantastic bookkeeping Mr. D’Agostino had done. Normally, MRI would have to come into a facility and restructure the record books due to inaccurate bookkeeping. All they had to do was open the SAU #64 books and continue where Mr. D’Agostino left off. Much praise was given to Mr. D’Agostino.

Old Business:

There is no old business for discussion at this time.

Committee/ Board Member Reports:

Andy Crone informed the school board that he has the Strafford Learning Center calendar. He will be attending the meetings.

School Board Business:

Student Code of Conduct:

- ❖ The student code of conduct was revamped using the Manchester’s code of conduct.
- ❖ It gives specific levels of offensives with their consequences.
- ❖ Tonight, August 27th, would be the first reading of the Student Code of Conduct.

Paul Steer made a motion to accept the first reading of the Student Code of Conduct. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The school board voted as follows: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records:

Andy Crone made the motion to accept the first reading of the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records. Paul Steer seconded the motion. The board voted on this motion as follows: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

Andy Crone made a motion for the school board to re-enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II a & b. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted to re-enter nonpublic session as follows: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

While in this session of the nonpublic meeting; the school board discussed the nominations and resignation that came before the board.

Andy Crone made a motion to adjourn from the nonpublic session at 9:23pm. The motion was seconded by Brandy Banks. The board voted on this motion as follows: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

Andy Crone made the motion to adjourn the school board meeting at 9:25pm. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted to adjourn for the evening as follows: Walsh – yea, Banks – yea, Crone – yea, Shute – yea, Steer – yea.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary