

**School Administrative Unit #64  
Milton School Board Meeting  
Nute High School & Library Community Room  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
Public Session**

Members present: Doug Shute, Ann Walsh, Brandy Banks, Paul Steer, Tim Long,  
Administrators: Michael Tursi, Superintendent; Nathan Castle, Finance Manager;  
Mary Wilson, Curriculum Coordinator; Scott Currier, Nute Middle School and Nute  
High School and Library Principal; Doug Kilmister, Milton Elementary School  
Principal, Bob Adams, Facilities Manager  
Public: Miranda Myhre, Lou Snyder, Jeff Berry

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Douglas Shute. Mr. Shute led the pledge of  
allegiance.

**Two hearings: 1) Review of Policy EEAA – Video and Audio Surveillance on School  
Property.** This is a new policy that includes the response to RSA 189:68. Ann Walsh  
asked if a parent refuses how can teachers still video. Mr. Currier answered that the  
student who the parent did not give permission would not be in the video. Mr. Shute  
closed the hearing at 6:04 p.m. Vote will be further in the agenda under policies.

**2) Public Hearing on the Unanticipated Revenue on the Rural Educational  
Achievement Program of \$9,648.00.** Mr. Tursi indicated they would like to  
purchase a server for the NutriKids program. There was a discussion regarding the  
cost of the server and what we would do with the remainder if the server did not  
cost as much as the grant. Mr. Tursi said that will be determined later since we were  
not sure how much the server would cost. Mr. Shute closed the hearing at 6:09 Tim  
Long moved and Brandy seconded. Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-  
aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

**Public minutes 11-23-15 - Amendments:** Mr. Tursi said the title should say Public  
Session. Tim Long asked about Page 3 top of page: discussion and an agreement to  
change the sentence to: Salary scale increase of 7% will cover the employee cost of  
health insurance but still allow for a small increase in salary. Brandy Banks moved  
and Tim Long seconded, Doug Shute-no, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul  
Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 4-1-0.

**Non-Public minutes 11-23-12 Amended:** Mr. Tursi said the title should say Non-  
Public Session. Brandy Banks said she moved and Tim Long seconded the approval  
of going into non-public. Brandy Banks moved and Ann Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup>, Doug Shute-aye,  
Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

**Public Minutes 11-16-15:** Ann Walsh moved, Tim Long seconded, Doug Shute-aye,  
Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-abstained (was not present), Tim  
Long-aye, passed 4-0-1.

**Non Public Minutes 11-16-15:** Ann Walsh moved, Tim Long 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-abstained (was not present), Tim Long-aye, passed 4-0-1.

**Public minutes 11-12-15:** Nathan Castle said there is an amendment on page 3 of 6: R.E.A.P is Rural Education Achievement Program Ann Walsh moved, Brandy Banks 2<sup>nd</sup>, Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

**Non-public minutes 11-12-15** Tim Long moved, Paul Steer 2<sup>nd</sup>, Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

**Public minutes 11-5-15** Amendment of title to include Public Doug Shute asked to please include the hourly rate to the minutes. Amendment: Page 3 Of 5 MES has hired new teachers including a first year teach two second year teachers, one third year teacher and one six year teacher. Tim Long moved and Paul Steer 2<sup>nd</sup>, Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

**Smarter Balanced Results** – Each grade level compared to the state. Mr. Long asked if the results are available on line. Yes, they are on the DOE site. Mr. Currier and Mr. Kilmister presented their views on the data.

There was a discussion on demographics, educational supports, emotional supports and homework. The principals explained how their schools are helping students who are struggling and moving accelerated students ahead. Ann Walsh said we should encourage all students to reach the higher bar.

Ann Walsh asked if we should revise what is written in the handbook regarding homework - should we look to see if what is in the handbook happening? – Mr. Currier indicated that homework at the high school may look different than in the past. Teachers are making a shift to on-line resources. There was a discussion regarding how can we support the students that don't have the supports at home to practice? Lou Snyder indicated that grandparents are happy to help out with reading and practicing. Ann Walsh stated that most students need the practice.

**Financials** – Monthly Expense Report - Page 3 \$293K left. Pg 6 \$114K in the hole, everything has been encumbered that can be. Ann Walsh asked - Is everything accounted for? – Nathan Castle answered yes, all the tuition at this time is accounted for at this time. Mr. Tursi added that we cannot anticipate expenses of students moving into the district.

Revenue report – okay.

Grant Overview – okay

Treasurers Report: Ann moved Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

Cash Reconciliation – okay

**Food Service** – Paul Steer asked why is it changed? Nathan Castle answered it will from month to month depending on the offerings. It was noted that revenue was higher for October than for September.

**School District Report Information** – Mr. Tursi asked the board what they wanted printed in the budget books for the public. He told the board that last year they checked every box. Paul Steer moved and Doug Shute 2<sup>nd</sup> to do the same this year. Brandy Banks asked how many budget books were left over from last year? Mr. Tursi said he would find out. It was decided that the color of the cover will be purple. Doug Shute asked if there will be a student drawing contest. Mr. Tursi said yes and asked the principals to make sure there are submissions from both schools. Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

#### **Policies**

Tim Long moved for all the policies ADC, ECAF, EEAA, GBED, JICG, JICI, since it was the second reading for all of them. Paul Steer 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

#### **Warrant Articles**

\$5,000 Library books Doug Shute moved Paul Steer 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

up to \$25,000 for Special Education to be taken out of surplus. Ann Walsh moved and Brandy Banks 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

\$50,000 for MES brick and mortar roof repairs. Brandy Banks stated we need this to pass for safety reasons because a brick could fall out and hurt someone. Brandy Banks moved Paul Steer 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

\$32,782 for roof repairs on 1999 wing at MES first phase out of 3. Brandy Banks moved, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0. Bob Adams clarified that both the \$50,000 for MES brick and mortar and the first phase of the roof repair warrant articles will state raise and appropriate.

\$16,000 for program analysis- \$8,000 for MES and \$8,000 for Nute. Space requirements, code requirements of classrooms, determine classroom capacity,

room sq. footage along with rules and regulations for educational guidelines with state laws. This will help us do the 5-year plan. Failed for lack of motion.

There was a discussion of the idea of either updating the facilities or sending students out of district. Tim Long stated that the cosmetics of facilities draw people to the town. There was a discussion and public comment regarding the public wanting to be heard about all the options for the future of keeping students here in the district and repairing and updating facilities or sending them out of district and the comparison in costs. Mr. Shute indicated that he still had his report on the public forum if Mr. Berry would like to see it.

up to \$25,000 from surplus into capital reserve for repair and maintenance Brandy Banks moved, Paul Steer 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

### **FY 17 proposed budget**

Discussion on the technology issue to keep it in the budget versus warrant article. There was also a discussion between lease and purchase. Also discussed was whether the warrant article or a budget with the technology would pass, given the large increase in taxes this year for taxpayers. It was decided to keep the \$75,000 in the budget for technology.

There was a discussion around the support staff regarding 7% across the board and the increase in step. Ann presented the different starting wages for support staff in the surrounding towns. It was decided to leave in the increase in the budget.

There was a discussion regarding the rest of the budget increases from the list from the budget committee meeting. It was decided to leave the budget as is.

Members received a copy of the default budget. Mr. Tursi recommended that the board should review before the next budget committee. It was decided that they would meet at 5:00 p.m. next Tuesday 12/15 to review the default budget as well as the review the wording of the warrant articles that Mr. Tursi will provide. The meeting will be held at the Nute Community Room.

### **Old Business**

SAU Withdrawl – Doug Shute says we need to find a building. Ann Walsh said we could ask Mr. Frizzell if can put up a wall to make it smaller. Paul Steer suggested we could also look at space between Dunkin donuts and Dollar General. Doug Shute indicated his nervousness about making sure we have a place for the SAU. Ann Walsh said we would have enough time (18 months) after the vote in March to find a place for the SAU.

### **Committee Reports**

Facilities – Paul Steer reported that the soil removal is \$38/ton about 20 ton and Bob Adams added transportation costs. Oil tank has been removed.

Roof bids need to go before the full board on the next phases of repairs.

Doug Shute reported Parks and Rec canceled meeting last night.

Mr. Tursi reported that Policy committee will bring forward the vaping policy in January.

Ann Walsh moved to cancel Dec 23. Board meeting, Paul Steer 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Shute-opposed, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 4-1-0.

Public comment – Jeff Berry thanked the board for their dedication. Paul Steer thanked Jeff Berry for coming.

Ann Walsh moved to go into non-public for RSA 91-A-311 a, b, c, e at 9:15 p.m. Brandy Banks 2<sup>nd</sup>, Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0.

While in nonpublic session the board discussed nominations and cooperative purchasing.

Paul Steer moved to adjourn and Brandy Banks 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Shute-aye, Ann Walsh-aye, Brandy Banks,-aye Paul Steer-aye, Tim Long-aye, passed 5-0-0. Adjourned 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Wilson  
Secretary Pro tem

These minutes were approved 1-13-16