

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64
MILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
Wednesday February 12, 2014

Members Present: Chair Ann Walsh, Luella Snyder, Andy Crone, and Douglas Shute.

Also Present: Superintendent Mr. Tursi, Business Administrator; Andrew D'Agostino, Anne Kebler, Linda Hescocock, Miranda Myhre, Michelle Beauchamp, Kim Lavoie, Chris Faro, Kelly Eves, Sue McKenney, Keith Jackson, Parker Morgan, Chris Jacobs, Bill VarZanct, and Edward Purcell.

Call to order/Flag salute: Chair Ann Walsh opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and Michelle Beauchamp led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ann Walsh announced Parker Morgan and Sarah Purcell are the winners of the Art work contest for the district book and presented them with a gift card to Barnes & Noble.

Public comment: None at this time.

Minutes of Last Meeting: *Andy Crone made the motion to accept the public minutes of January 22, 2014 as amended, seconded by Luella Snyder – all were in favor. The motion passed. Luella Snyder made the motion to approve the nonpublic meeting minutes of January 22, 2014, seconded by Andy Crone - all others were in favor. The motion passed.*

Correspondence:

Athletic Update: Howie Drolet wanted to inform the board that in the fall 24% of the students participated in athletics and this winter 26% of the students participated in athletics. At the NHI annual meeting Milton was presented with an excellence in sportsmanship award. In the fall we were awarded 2nd highest ranked in our division and out of 88 school in NH we rank 4th in the entire state. One of our students was awarded for outstanding sportsmanship award and only 12 are awarded across the state. Our unified

Soccer and basketball program is a great program and we have 12 students for soccer and 10 for basketball.

Town Election Request: Chris Jacobs would like to ask the school if it would be possible to hold the mid-term and national election in the gym.

This is due to the number of voters that come out to these elections. He understands that this would be during school hours and would like to make this an educational day and hold a mock election so that the student can see how the process works. We need to have more education on voting. Parking will be an issue during the day while school is in session, but a majority of our voters come to vote after school hours.

Douglas stated that at the next election the board should go down to observe.

The board will discuss this matter and get back to the Town Clerk.

School Board Business:

New High School Course Proposal: Kim Lavoie presented the board with the following courses to be added.

PE elective option:

Essentials of Athletic Injury Management.

English Department:

World Literature recommended for sophomores

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of English 9

CP/Honors/AP literature and Composition

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of World Literature and American Literature.

Senior English

Prerequisite: Completion of World Literature and American Literature.

Mr. Tursi is working on developing an Agricultural Science course.

Luella Snyder motioned to approve the changes in the courses, seconded by Andy Crone – all were in favor. The motion passed.

Food Service:

The board had met with Chris Faro and Bill Variant from Café' Services and had further discussion on the services they offer.

Douglas Shute made the motion to hire Café' Services, seconded by Andy Crone – all were in favor. The motion passed.

Administration: Financial Reports: Andrew informed the board that when he ran the expense report the dates were wrong. He will run it with the correct dates and get a copy to the board.

Expense Report through December 20, 2013: No Questions

Revenue Report through December 20, 2013: No questions

Grant Overview Report through December 20, 2013: No Questions

Cash Reconciliation for the General Fund for October 2013: No Questions

Treasurer's Report for November & December 2013: *Douglas Shute made the motion to accept the treasurer's report for November & December 2013, seconded by Andy Crone – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

Superintendents Report:

Update on the Damon House: The Damon house has served as the special education setting for the high school life program for over seven years. Students with disabilities identified as needing specialized instruction around activities of daily living and entirely different basic academics than their typical same-aged peers access this program. The life program is approved for these students 50% of the school day. This program has grown to include activities such as community service opportunities, gardening, business management, hygiene, budgeting, guided study support, etc.

Currently there are 9 students who access the Damon House on a daily basis. Some of them, due to their individual needs, need to utilize the space more often than 50% of their day due to anxiety, extended learning opportunities, VIAC's and/or other personal reasons. The HS Life Program is staffed by 1 special education teachers, 5 paraprofessionals and 1 job coach.

Old Business:

Douglas Shute asked if the board has a candidate for a student representative for the school board yet. Mr. Tursi replied not yet due to the student advisory council just being formed.

Luella Snyder asked if we found someone from ELO to film our meetings

yet. Mr. Tursi stated that he was not aware of this, but will look in to it. Ann Walsh replied the board has discussed this before.

Douglas Shute would like inform the board members that April 29, 2014 from 5:00pm to 8:30pm is date for the NHSBA new member night.

Douglas Shute asked about the NECAP scores. Mr. Tursi replied that the NECAP scores will be presented at a meeting in March.

Committee/Board Member Reports: Luella Snyder informed the board that she has to be appointed to serve as the school board Rep. on the Recreation Commission.

Luella reported that the Recreation Commission met and has requested that when they rent a bus from the school that they could receive the bill in a timely manner.

Andy reported that the Facilities committee met discussed how the check list is working and how the building looks.

Standard Operating Guidelines: The board discussed and reviewed.

XI. Criteria and Process for Selecting Board Officers.

C. No board member will serve as chair for more than two consecutive years, unless no other nomination come before the board at the start of the third year.

Luella Snyder made the motion to amend (C) to read as. No board member will serve as chair for more than two consecutive years, seconded by Douglas Shute. Ann Walsh and Andy Crone were opposed. The motion did not pass. This will be bounced back to the policy sub-committee to be reviewed.

Mentor Program:

Douglas would like to know why we keep getting mentor nominations this late in the year, and he asked for a list of stipend position a while ago.

Luella Snyder questions why the mentor has to be for 3 years.

Mr. Tursi stated that the Professional Growth Committee is looking in to this matter and he is no long taking nomination for mentors due to already being over budget.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Andy Crone moved, seconded Douglas Shute, to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A- 3 II b at 7:45 PM. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Crone, yes; Snyder; yes, and Shute, yes;

Resumed meeting at 7:55 pm.

While in nonpublic session the board approved the following nominations:

Kevin Hayes-After school teacher

Sarah Spilios-After school teacher

Kat Lang-After school teacher

Kim Davis-After school teacher

Patrice Comeau-After school teacher

Penny Baker -After school teacher

Carrie Rioux-After school teacher

Karen Johnson –Substitute

Michelle Phillips-After school teacher

Meghan Nason-After school teacher

Andy Crone made the motion to come out of nonpublic session at 8:05 PM, seconded by Douglas Shute. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Crone, yes; Snyder; yes, and Shute, yes.

Andy Crone made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm, seconded by Luella Douglas - all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Banks Secretary

Minutes are a draft until approved.

Approved on: _____