

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64  
Milton School Board Meeting  
Emma Ramsey Building  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018

PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**Salute to the Flag** – Lead by Emma Goff

**School Board Members in Attendance:**

Douglas Shute- Chairperson, Melissa Brown, Peg Hurd, Laura Noseworthy, Paul Steer, Shari Gaesser- Secretary

**SAU Representatives:**

Earl Sussman- Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle- Financial Manager, Jan Radowicz- Principal of Nute Middle/High School, Melissa Jean - SPED

**Public in Attendance:**

Larry Brown, Zane Poth and Emma Goff – students Nute High School

**Public Hearing:**

- a. Emma - Guidance office helping with End 68 hours of Hunger. Student Government is in the planning stages of Nute week, which is coming up in February. Jan – there will be games; tug of war if equipment is available – Peg be careful. The school I worked had the game and during a practice the opposite team let go and the boy in back broke his leg. Do not let go. Have you had a food drive to help support End 68 hours of hunger? – This may be a good fundraiser for the student senate.
- b. Zane – the boys and girl’s varsity basketball teams are in full swing. Lots of support.
- c. NWEA scores – benchmark but taking again right now. There is an increase from 2015/16 in 5<sup>th</sup> 2017/18 8<sup>th</sup> had a jump in math, reading and last year. Peg – what is the benchmark? Jan – will get them for you. Doug - What are the grade level cutoffs?
- d. Public Comments– Larry – Thank you for your work we are going meeting at 5:45 BC meeting. Public hearing at 6:00 pm. BC – warrants for the town board. Reconcile for the major budget. Larry passed out lights this is from a 3D printer. Made by plastic wire and 1’s and 0’s. Someone can do for hands on work. Doug – what brand of machine is it?

**Meeting minutes of 12/13/17**

Motion was made by Peg to accept the minutes with corrections and second by Laura. Melissa – yes, Paul – yes, Doug – yes, Peg – yes, Laura – yes. Approved

**Superintendent’s Report**

Earl - Commend the Budget Committee. I felt that the meetings went very well. Input from the committee members was very good. It is good to get the lens of the community.

## School Board Business

- a. NWEA Testing – Presentation by Jan showing the changes in the fall results for Math and Reading. Each year it has gone up. Larry – is it possible to get a chart from Jan to show the upslope. Is there anything to show what has occurred and something with all the bells and whistles? It was recommended that at the next board meeting something would be presented.
- b. Zane – I think Mrs. Radowicz has the chart backwards. Peg - I agree that it looks backwards but look at 2015/16 6<sup>th</sup> grade then look at 2017/18 8<sup>th</sup> grade, they are the same students (cohort). In 2016/17 the 7<sup>th</sup> grade did better then 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 17/18, but it should be noted that they are different students and not same cohort.

## Administration

- a. Special education Update
  - a. Melissa Jean – the number of students requiring special ed needs is 48 at MES and 50 at Nute – couple of evaluations in process. Have 9 students out of district with possible 2 more that may go out of district. Melissa B. – will they attend a day program? Laura – are these students move-ins? Melissa Jean - No these are current students.
  - b. Kindergarten – lot of initiative in SPED – S’mores (Speech, math, occupation therapy reading, for every student) group meets one time a week and they do different activities – to incorporate all levels. Good way to screen who needs extra support as some come to school without those skills.
  - c. Transition group that started this past week 14 and older required to have a transition plan for after high school. Speaker comes in, potential job shadow opportunities. Skills survey and find students interest.
  - d. In house – assisted technology group. Experiences and interest right here in our own district.
  - e. Community Partners – will be coming to Milton, per Larry. By Dunks – It is a definite.
- b. Financial reports
  - a. Expense Report through December 31, 2017 – no questions. – Everything that needs to be encumbered is. Nate – yes except ERate contract needs to be encumbered \$2800. Compared to this time last year there is \$158,000 remaining. Don’t want to go into a deficit.
  - b. Revenue Report through December 31, 2017 – No comments
  - c. Grant Overview Report through December 31, 2017 – Doug – what is the story on SIG grant? Nate – it has been submitted. It will be discussed at the next grant meeting.
  - d. Monthly treasurer’s Report for September 2017 - Motion was made by Laura to accept the Treasurer’s Report and second by Peg. Melissa – yes, Doug – yes, Peg – yes, Laura – yes. Approved
  - e. Cash Reconciliation Report of the General Fund for September, 2017 – no questions
  - f. Café Services’ Financial Report - Nate - laundry and uniforms done professionally cleaned that was budgeted up to day it is a monthly expense and not yearly. Café services coming will come in and do an update and how the process works re: how it works. Doug – how many employees break that contract down to were everyone goes employees presently, all other cost provided to us. Would like to commutate our own figures. Salaries etc. Not sure if they will provide what they make. Peg – labor cost –

yearly would be in the budget committee packet. Will there be someone else coming in to talk to us? Laura – What about teaming with Farmington? Earl – not this year. When I had a much larger district and we paid a flat rate, if they made money then we made money and if lost month then they lost money. Could we get a copy of contract for next meeting? Nate – yes.

- g. Grant – discuss the DHSS Grant – looking into doing another year but requires a commitment from us of about \$50,000. Discuss the details etc. What is the number of students? Doug - Is this long term? If we have under certain number then we didn't have to have contract. Depends on how it's written. Will go over it at next meeting.
- h. Peg – I met with Barbra Hughes with DonnaMarie Currier and Rebecca VanDenBerg – funds not being utilized to full potential. Do we have a source of sewing machines available and, automotive type stuff? Ryan Thibeault has antique cars etc. that they may be able to help fix up. Earl – I was going to talk with Heather regarding drop in center for kids after school in the downstairs of the building here. John Chadwick – love to have something for kids. Melissa – would there be a stipend to watch kids after school? Laura – is there a room at the school? What about recreation building? Laura – it would be great to have something for other kids to do. Peg - Fire station back on the market – there was an agreement but it appraised at \$135,000. Building is not condemned but has issues. John Chadwick can get donations from anywhere. He is really good at it. The town would own the building but would DHSS grant paid. Zane – town hang out place for kids to go currently is 3 places that are Cumberland Farms, the beach, and at Nute. It would be an awesome place to hang out. I Donate Wii etc.
- i. Larry – what did you find in the restrictions of silent partnership/lease back. State if school district to call out town attorney for definition of trust relationship. A gift is a gift. The entity that acquires the right to dispose property as it sees fit. If school district was interested, try to go lawyer to see if there is a way to break terms of trust for common interest. Doug – this should be discussed in nonpublic.

**Old Business** – Superintendents Evaluation by January 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Committee reports**

- a. Budget Committee – Peg – everything is going just fine. Laura – recreation committee has old information still posted on line. There has not been a meeting since October I believe. Bring it up to Karen or Chris Jacobs. Those who have concerns about the effects of the meeting and then bring it up to board of selectman. There should be a representative to take it to BOS.
- b. Rec plans for winter carnival etc. Peg to check on this and get back to board.

**Public Comment** – None

#### **Nonpublic Session pursuant to RS 91-A-3II a, b, c**

- a. Motion was made by Laura to go into non-public session at 7:45 and second by Peg. Melissa – yes, Doug – yes, Peg – yes, Laura – yes. Approved
- b. Motion was made by Melissa to add Larry to non-public and add d for discussion. Second by Peg. Melissa – yes, Doug – yes, Peg – yes, Laura – yes. Approved

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Laura to adjourn and second by Peg. Laura – yes; Doug – yes; Peg – yes; Paul – yes; Melissa – yes. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted  
Shari Gaesser  
Secretary

Minutes Approved on: January 24, 2018