

School Administrative Unit #64  
Milton School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
Milton Town Hall

**Salute to the Flag** – Lead by RJ Austin – MES

**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, John Safina – MES Principal

**Public in Attendance:**

RJ Austin– student MES, Sherry Ayers, Debra Diamante, Larry Brown

**Public Hearing:**

**1. Call to Order – 6:01 PM**

**2. Public Comments**

- a. Holding a public hearing – to approve \$18,268.81 – School District technology and to expend trust funds for school lunch debt. Motion to expend trust funds and to approve funding for Lunch debt made by Peg and second by Laura –Melissa – yes; Paul – yes; Doug– yes; Peg – yes; Laura – yes. Approved
- b. Larry – in regards to the capital reserve fund – have someone from the board approved as agent to expend funds.

**3. Minutes of Prior Meeting:**

- a. Public Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2018: Peg motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Laura. Vote 5/0/1 passed. Melissa- Yes, Paul- abstained, Doug- Yes, Peg - Yes and Laura – Yes.

**4. Superintendents Report:**

- a. Earl – budget committee did superb job on collaboration with us. Met with us and in tune with policy with keeping student needs in mind. I would like to extend to Mr. Wing our thoughts and prayers are with him.
- b. School was dismissed today at noontime and as I walked around the classrooms and the staff was upbeat and working hard. Sports events will be reported by the students next time they are here.
- c. Working on creative ways to explore work/collaborations as far as area schools are concerned. Will keep board and community informed.

## 5. Administration

- a. Program of Studies – Jan – not too many changes. Some prerequisites were removed and a few were added in. Dover Adult learning – and English class is going on right now. This is not an ongoing guaranteed class. It is only used to recapture credit for those that have failed last time. Program of studies will need approval to approved move on to printer. Any questions? Peg - page 9 recommended course sequencing – Global and American studies are combined English correct? Jan – Yes. Doug – need approve. Motion to approve the Program of Studies to go to printer by Paul and second Laura. Melissa- Yes, Paul - yes, Doug - Yes, Peg - Yes and Laura – Yes. Vote 5/0/0 passed.
- b. Principals report – Jan – a group went to the Guskey Workshop. Working with that committee to do Prof Development for next year. Ready to present to competency base with ABC and 1, 2, 3. We are telling parents ELA standards 1-12 what is difference form 6 6/7. That it is understood by everyone. Standards in place. Group in categories and doing assessments to make sure we are hitting those competency. Peg - Standard base report cards? Are you going to do NYC (Not yet competent)? Jan – that would be next years work. Question was to pass course have to pass every competency? Straight 1,2,3,4 or A B C D and then 1,2,3,4? Working on this over the next year.  
- John – As Jan reported we send nine members to the Guskey Workshop –on standards base reports – kindergarten has it. Other grades have this. Biggest take away – how the report card looks can be done in a weekend but how we assess the student’s and the way it is reported hasn’t been figures out. Come up with essential outcomes – overall standard that we want every student to master. There are different levels on how to master the topic. You can build on these outcomes and they will be able to learn from. The essential outcomes will be on the report. There will be standards (tri-mester reporting) noted on the report card. Students would fail reading even though they were at a 12<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. The issue could be that the students would not like to follow-up on the work. How their ability to read would reflect in standards. John gave an analysis of standards i.e. how two people could both be good cooks but one follows recipe and one is better at on the fly. Still will be determined that the student can do the work. The A would be grading and the other is the standard. Paul – you mentioned going to trimesters? John – haven’t decided on this yet. We can use more time in assessing student. We don’t have enough information so going to trimester. Earl- lived through learning can not be timed. Prisoner of time with school system. Certain tenements that are there and Jan/John working with the staff. Progress reports go home midway on an as needed basis. The student will have more time to make up what is missing. Quarter grades counted. Laura – how does this look for PowerSchool? John/Jan - PowerSchool is set up to handle this and standards will be printed out on report cards. We will have a parent forum on Thursday, February 15 to get feedback and

concerns from parents – we need to make sure that we educate parents. I know importance that community is made aware. Requested teachers to come to the forum a well. Staff are excited and want to do what is best for kids. Last year not a lot of people attended. Promote the fact that there is going to be change. Guest presentation – unable to attend but will come back. Current enrollment – we are at 259.

Melissa - John – does the student handbooks have use of tobacco on school property included in it? Policies are being drafted. Is there a map regarding the area that is listed as drug free zone. Laura – are these maps available? If not they can be proved by State of NH. What areas are they posted? Shari will forward to Admin for MES and NMS.

Doug – does the Board want to include the information regarding monthly balance from the trust fund in the Board packages? Motion to include the monthly balance from the trust fund was made by Peg and second by Paul. All ayes.

## **6. Old Business**

- a. Paul attended conference and one of the takeaways was when are meetings are considered regular or non-meeting.

## **7. Committee Reports**

- a. Parks and Rec – Laura meeting coming up. Chris Jacobs researched for dates. Peg – only have to meet 4 times a year. Doug - How do they expend money?
- b. Budget Committee Peg – budget committee noted that there lots of invoices till out. I have learned so much this year being on the committee and it is not an easy process. Have to say that the Board presentation was impressive. Everything sent out ahead of time to approve. Thanks to all. Doug – Tom made comment that he wasn't doing his job if we have we have money left over. Giving back and not spending.
- c. Paul – next facilities meeting 4 boy scouts would like to come and to the Pledge.

## **Non-Public**

- a. Motion to go into no-public at 6:45 by Laura and second by Paul. .  
Melissa- Yes, Paul - yes, Doug - Yes, Peg - Yes and Laura – Yes. Vote 5/0/0 passed.

Public session ended 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Shari Gaesser, Secretary  
Minutes Approved on: