

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64  
Milton School Board Meeting  
Emma Ramsey Building  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017

PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**School Board Members in Attendance:**

Douglas Shute- Chairperson, Luella Snyder, Peg Hurd, Paul Steer, Laura Noseworthy- Secretary  
Excused: Stefanie Berry

**SAU Representatives:**

Earl Sussman- Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle- Financial Manager, Anne Kebler-  
Student Director, John Safina- Principal of Milton Elementary School

**Public in Attendance:** Bob Carrier, Thomas Mcdougall

**Public Hearing:**

1. Called to Order/ Flag Salute:
  - a. Doug Called to Order at 6:00PM.
  - b. Peg led the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Comments/Visitors:
  - a. None
3. Minutes of Prior Meeting:
  - a. 1/11/17 Public Meeting Minutes. Peg motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Doug. Vote 4/0/0 passed.
  - b. 1/11/17 Non-Public Meeting Minutes. Peg motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Paul. Vote 4/0/0 passed.
  - c. 1/3/17 Public Meeting Minutes. Peg motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Doug. Vote 3/0/1 passed. Paul abstained from the vote.
4. Superintendent Report:
  - a. Earl- Les Elder has reached out to me and asked if community people can use the gym or hallways to walk during afterschool hours. We will need to figure out the times. Earl will write something up about use. Paul- I would like Les to come in and speak to the Board. Doug agreed.
  - b. Earl- I have had two more meetings with the Softball Field Committee. Five students were able to attend. They are planning another spaghetti supper. They had many great ideas.
  - c. Earl- Asset Committee: Lue, Peg, and the Wakefield members met on 1/13/17. Things are going great. They have planned to meet again.
  - d. Earl- The Grant Committee met Nate, Anne, Lue, Peg, John, Jen, Bob C., Barbara H., and myself. Lue- We have asked Nate to invite the lady from MRI to our Grant Committee meeting and the School Board meeting as she knows

everything there is to know about grants. We need to know everything there is to know about them.

- e. Earl- Lue received a letter from Commissioner Berry on her work with Friends of Nute and the School Board.
- f. Earl- I would like to thank everyone in everything they continue to do on the School Board for the schools.
- g. Earl- PowerSchool letter from Jen given to the Board to be discussed in Non-Public.
- h. Earl- Scott is unable to attend tonight's meeting as he has the flu.

5. Administration-

- a. Milton Elementary School: John- The Band Program has started back up. Band at MES hasn't been going on for the past couple of years. We have 11 students taking part at this time. Things are going great with the new Librarian and in the Library. The Friends Program/Foster Grandparent Program has been pretty active for many years. Ms. Gilman works in our first grade classroom. The kids love her. Frisbie Smiles Program is a great program that is offered to our students and very valuable. Peg- When are they coming in? John- They have started already. They do exams and classes with our students. Doug- Do we refer them to the dentist? John- They do refer them if it is needed just like when we do the eye or hearing screenings. If they don't have a dentist they can help guide them to someone.
- b. Special Education Anne- I missed getting on the agenda but I wanted to report to the Board the enrollment numbers for students with disabilities. Bright Beginnings- 12, MES- 49, Nute Middle- 23, Nute High- 38, and Out of District- 8. Doug- Is that the report you normally give? Anne- Yes, I will make sure Kathie gets my report for the next time I come. We did a program review with the Department of Education. We had 6 or 7 programs that were approved in the past ten years that we no longer have. Ruth Littlefield from the Department of Education, who is the preschool specialist, spoke to me about the fact our preschool is approved as a Special Ed Program. Both federally and the state recommendation is that we have early childhood regular education approval for our preschool, so that it is a least restrictive environment. In the fall, the Board or Stefanie talked to me about forming a committee to look at our preschool. I think it is an important thing to do now because the State is really going to be monitoring whether or not we have a least restrictive environment in our preschool. I would like to see if there was a Board member that would like to be on the committee. Doug- Are you expecting changes? Ann- No, not in the least restrictive environment regulations. In terms of the preschool piece of that I don't really expect changes. Doug- Are we looking at another program? Ann- No, what I would recommend is that we work with Liza Hewitt, the preschool specialist from Strafford Learning Center, to develop plans to place students in the least restrictive environment. Doug to be part of committee as he is the representative for Strafford Learning Center meetings. Anne to follow up with Doug when she has more information about the committee. Anne-The Partner

Program is running smoothly. Peg- Bright Beginnings should be close to 50/50 ratio. Ann- Yes, that is what they are looking for but it isn't a 50/50 ratio currently. Being approved as a special education program we are limited to 12 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. If we maintained the 50/50 we would have 6 identified and 6 not identified in both morning and afternoon. We have more than 6 identified and we have been placing them in Bright Beginnings. If we become approved as a regular preschool education center the ratio then becomes much larger. Lue- What about the Milton Learning Center? Anne- We have 1 student placed there now. That is something we should look at. Identifying our options of placing more students there.

- c. Student Rep from Nute: Peg- Since Scott isn't here can we follow up with what is happening with the Student Rep from Nute coming to a School Board Meeting? Earl- Yes, I will follow up.
  - d. MS 27- Doug- We sent the MS 27 to the Budget Committee? Nate- Yes. Doug- When did we do that as I didn't know we were doing that already. Nate- I did it the same day I emailed you about the MSDS. Doug- The problem is I can't get my emails as my computer isn't working.
6. School Board Business:
    - a. Paul- I went to the Delegates Meeting on Saturday. I have a report I will let you all look at. They do three hot topics at the meetings. One of them was on Non-public Sessions and Procedures. We voted also on the referendum questions.
  7. Old Business:
    - a. Nothing.
  8. Committee/ Board Member Reports:
    - a. Budget Committee: Lue- They have gone along with all our recommendations and it is moving forward for February 4<sup>th</sup> for the Deliberative Session. I hope you all will be there. This Board has done a phenomenal job typing up all budgets and listening to what everybody had to say, as well as not hurting the kids. Nothing was really cut that would impact the children. We found new ways to get computers- to own them. Everyone on this Board brings something different to the Board. This is the best Board I have ever sat on. Doug- Each member of this Board brings something different to the Board. This is what this Board needs. Different views, ideas, and then we work to try to find the best solutions for our kids and the voters. I have to admit this is one of the best boards I have been on.
  9. Public Comments:
    - a. Thomas- The Town would like to record the Deliberative Session being held at Nute for the Town. We are going to transport the camera and computer up to Nute. We would like to know if the school can provide a network drop that will give us access to Youtube. Who do we need to talk to? John- Send Mr. Currier or Me an email and I will reach out to Backbay. Thomas- Would the School Board also like their Deliberative Session recorded. Paul- Yes, I think so. Doug- Yes, if it can be done. Thomas- The School's Deliberative Session is 2/4 at 1PM? Doug- Yes.

- b. Paul- Our next meeting is the Deliberative Session. Don't we divvy up who has what Warrant Article? Doug- We did that already. Paul- We did? Peg- That is right you weren't there. Article 2- Peg, Article 3- Peg, Article 4- Doug, Article 5- Stefanie, Article 6- Paul, Article 7- Lue, Article 8- Paul, and Article 9- Lue.
10. Non-Public Session: Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b), (c)
- a. Lue motioned to go into nonpublic session at 6:56PM. Seconded by Peg Vote 5/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes, Peg - Yes, Lue- Yes, and Doug- Yes.
  - b. Paul motioned to come out of non-public session at 8:39PM. Seconded by Lue. Vote 5/0/0 passed. Stefanie- Yes, Paul - Yes, Peg- Yes, Lue- Yes, and Doug- Yes.
  - c. Paul motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:39PM. Seconded by Lue. Vote 5/0/0 passed. Stefanie- Yes, Paul - Yes, Peg- Yes, Lue- Yes, and Doug- Yes.

Respectfully Submitted  
Laura Noseworthy  
Secretary

Minutes Approved on: February 22, 2017