

**School Administration Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Public Session
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Community Room Nute High School and Library**

Milton School Board:

Ann Walsh – Chairperson, Douglas Shute, Paul Steer

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Anne Kebler – Student Services Director,
Mary Wilson – Curriculum Coordinator, Aaron Bronson – Principal of Nute Middle/High School,
Doug Kilmister – Principal of Milton Elementary School

Visitor(s):

Jocelyn Young

Ann Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Paul Steer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments/Visitors:

None at this time

Minutes of previous meetings January 8, January 12, January 14 and January 20, 2015:

Minutes of January 8, 2015:

Paul Steer made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Douglas Steer seconded this motion. The board voted to approve these minutes as follows: Walsh – aye, Shute – aye, Steer – aye.

Minutes of January 12, 2015:

Douglas Shute made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted as follows on this motion: Walsh – aye, Shute – aye, Steer – aye.

Public minutes of January 14, 2015:

Douglas Shute made a motion to have discussion on these minutes. Paul Steer seconded this motion. Amendments were made to the minutes. The board voted to approve the minutes as amended as follows: Walsh – aye, Shute – No, Steer – aye.

Public Hearing Minutes of January 20, 2015:

Douglas made a motion to have a discussion on these minutes. Paul Steer seconded this motion. Amendments were made to the minutes. The board voted to approve the amended minutes as follows: Walsh –aye, Shute – aye, Steer –aye.

Public minutes of January 20, 2015:

Douglas Shute made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Paul Steer seconded this motion. Mr. Tursi stated that he had a correction for the minutes. The board voted to approve the amended minutes as follows: Walsh – aye, Shute – aye, Steer – aye.

Administration:

Curriculum Coordinator's Report:

- ❖ Survey that the Milton school's teachers were asked to complete regarding the time teachers would need to complete writing their curriculums.
- ❖ Some teachers asked for a summer stipend. Others asked for one of the following: release time, after school sessions, use of professional learning community time and coming into school during the school breaks.
- ❖ Teachers had a positive response on the survey when asked if they would like to serve on a Curriculum Review Team.
- ❖ SWIFT presentation has been rescheduled for February.
- ❖ Ms. Wilson attended the Local Education Agency meeting for SWIFT (School-wide Integrated Framework for Transformation). Also the SWIFT and Focus/Priority Quarterly Meetings.
- ❖ Ms. Wilson also attended the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference.
- ❖ Ms. Wilson facilitated the mentor/mentee meeting.
- ❖ Ms. Wilson attended the monthly meeting of the Accountability Task Force.
- ❖ Provided training to the staff on Smarter Balanced Performance Tasks.
- ❖ Attended a New Hampshire Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development workshop on Using Formative Assessments to Increase Student Learning.
- ❖ Smarter Balanced Performance testing begins in March. These tests have a twelve week window to be completed. Milton schools are aiming to have the tests completed in eight weeks.

Student Services Report:

- ❖ The school board members received a breakdown of student placements as of today.
- ❖ Three student placements were made after the budget for this year was in place. These students were unanticipated placements.
- ❖ Anticipated cost for these three unanticipated placements will be approximately \$130,00.
- ❖ Due to unanticipated placements the budget lines are being closely watched.
- ❖ High School Special Education is over budget by \$10,000. The other two placements are OK.
- ❖ All known monies have been encumbered.
- ❖ One student has yet to be placed.
- ❖ On February 11th the second Special Education retreat will be held.

Principals Report:

Mr. Kilmister's report –

- ❖ The school board members were informed of the Professional Learning Communities.
- ❖ The purpose of the PLCs is to “create a professional culture that improves student learning and achievement”.
- ❖ Discipline is lower than last year's referrals. The training the teachers have received is believed to have had an impact on discipline.
- ❖ The playground and the playground committee were mentioned.
- ❖ A copy of the “Purple Page” was given to the board members.

Mr. Bronson's report –

- ❖ Student exams have been completed and the first semester is finished.
- ❖ The school's drama production of *Cinderella* will be on January 23rd and 24th.
- ❖ 8th grade students will be taking the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) on January 28th. This was postponed due to a snow storm.
- ❖ Nute is preparing for the visit for the Performance Assessment Review Board.
- ❖ The PAR Board will be at Nute for two days. At the end of their visit, the board will issue a report that can be used for student preparations.
- ❖ The custodians at Nute did a great job of clearing the snow.

Superintendent's report:

School Building Aid –

- ❖ Jocelyn Young investigated the state's school aid.
- ❖ There will not be any negative impact if Nute does not apply for aid this year. There is plenty of time to apply for aid.

Parking Lot Signs –

- ❖ Mr. Tursi met with Bob Adams. It was decided that for permanent signs to be placed, we will need to wait until the ground thaws in the spring.
- ❖ Mr. Adams is looking into the cost of having eight foot long sawhorses for the fire lane. Also the cost of the pole signs.
- ❖ The students in the shop classes should be able to make the sawhorses.
- ❖ Sawhorses will be a temporary fix until permanent signs on posts can be installed.

School Board Business:

Deliberative session discussion –

The board discussed which article(s) each member would present at the Deliberative session.

- ❖ Articles 2, 3 and 4: Ann Walsh
- ❖ Article 5: Douglas Shute (Mr. Tursi will assist when needed.)
- ❖ Article 6: Douglas Shute
- ❖ Article 7: Paul Steer
- ❖ Article 8: Brandy Banks
- ❖ Article 9: Ann Walsh

- ❖ Article 10: Paul Steer
- ❖ Article 11: Brandy Banks
- ❖ Article 12: Paul Steer
- ❖ Article 12: Ann Walsh

Attorney Barbara Loughman will be present at the Deliberative session.

Old Business:

- ❖ According to Douglas Shute, approximately 70% to 75% of Milton teachers will be receiving a 6% pay increase.
- ❖ According to Mr. Tursi, the range is 0% to 8.2%. The majority of the teachers will be receiving 6%.
- ❖ Teacher increases: \$108,000 for the first year. \$112,000 for the second year.

Committee/Board member reports:

Park and Recreation report from Douglas Shute –

- ❖ Town beach is making progress.
- ❖ The beach fence is to be moved for a basketball court and two playgrounds that will be age appropriate.
- ❖ Town has OK'd the moving of all fences this spring.

Public/Visitor comments:

None

Ann Walsh made the motion to enter the nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II b at 7:02pm. Douglas Shute seconded this motion. The board voted as follows on this motion: Walsh – aye, Shute – aye, Steer – aye.

During the nonpublic session nominations were discussed.

Paul Steer made the motion to adjourn from nonpublic session at 7:08pm. Douglas Shute seconded this motion. The board voted on this motion as follows: Walsh – aye, Shute – aye, Steer – aye.

Paul Steer made the motion to adjourn the school board meeting at 7:13pm. Douglas Shute seconded this motion. The board voted on this motion as follows: Walsh – aye, Shute – aye, Steer – aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary