

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64  
MILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM  
Wednesday January 8, 2014

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

**Also Present:** Superintendent Mr. Tursi, Business Administrator; Andrew D'Agostino, Aaron Bronson, Caroline Roberge, Anne Kebler, Linda Hescocock, Jackie Benjamin, Katherine Sargent, Karen Shepard, Donna-Marie Currier, Mike Beaulieu, Jackie Benjamin, and Miranda Myhre.

**Call to order/Flag salute:** Chair Ann Walsh opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and Donna-Marie Currier led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Douglas Shute moved, second by Luella Snyder, to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A- 3 II c at 6:01 PM. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Crone; yes, Snyder; yes, and Shute, yes;

*While in nonpublic session a student hearing took place.*

Douglas Shute moved, seconded by Andy Crone to go out of nonpublic session at 6:30 pm. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Crone; yes, Snyder; yes, and Shute, yes;

**Public comment:**

**Food Service Staff Concerns:** Katherine Sargent asked the board if they have made a decision on whether or not they are going to have Café' services come in. Katherine made the board aware that she is worried that if this does happen then they would lose sick time that has been banked and have their hours cut and their rate of pay as well. They were wondering if they would be compensated for the days if they do go with Café' services. Ann Walsh replied that the board has not looked into this matter due to the holidays and budget season and that this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Donna-Marie Currier – YRBS results:** Donna-Marie had presented the board with the result from the Youth at Risk survey that is given to the children every 2 years. Donna-Marie feels is working with Aaron to setup a meeting in February with the community stake holders - Police department, Fire department, Rec Commission, budget committee and the Selectman to have better connection and communication between the schools and the community.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** *Douglas Shute made the motion to accept the public and nonpublic meeting minutes of November 13, 2013, seconded by Luella Snyder. Andy Crone abstains and all others were in favor. The motion passed.*

**Administration: Financial Reports:** Ann Walsh asked Andrew if the health has been finalized yet. Andrew stated that it would by probably be after the holidays.

**Expense Report through December 20, 2013:** Douglas asked if everything has been encumbered for this school year. Andrew replied that yes it has, but you may have other unfor seen that may come in oo the second half of the school

**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 September 2013:** *Luella Snyder made the motion to accept the treasurer's report for October of 2013, seconded by Andy Crone – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

**Correspondence:** None at this time.

**Superintendents Report:**

- Mr. Tursi would like the board to appoint Michelle Beauchamp and Brandy Banks to serve as the school board district clerks. Michelle will do the ballots and Brandy will do the deliberative session

*Douglas Shute made the motion to appoint Michelle Beauchamp and Brandy Banks as the School District Clerk, seconded by Luella Snyder – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

- Mr. Tursi made the board aware the superintendent Wellford of

Farmington would like to have a discussion on the possibility that Nute and Farmington think about doing a Co-op High school and this has come about due to Middleton wanting to pull out of the SAU. Mr. Tursi would like to know if the board would like to keep this an open communication with Farmington. The board would like to keep the communication line open.

- Mr. Tursi made the board aware the public hearing has been set for January 17, 2014 at 7:00pm location is to be at the town hall. The snow date would be January 18, 2014.
- Mr. Tursi informed the board that he has been invited to the Recreation Commission meeting Monday 13, 2014 in regards to the ball fields being shut down.
- Mr. Tursi asked the board the board if they would like legal council present at the deliberative session. The board would like legal council present.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

**Committee/Board Member Reports:** Andy Crone attended a Strafford learning meeting and they reviewed the proposed budget.

**School Board Business:**

**FY 15 Operating Budget:**

The Budget committee asked the school board to go through and make some adjustments to their budget. Andrew presented the board with the revised budget. Mr. Tursi informed the board that the budget was adjusted by about \$76,000.00.

Luella Snyder stated that she is not against education, but she feels that there could be more adjustments made to the budget. Mr. Tursi feels that were the budget is at now we are taking a risk.

Luella feels that we should have the purchase of the Ipad's put on a warrant article to let the tax payers decide if they should be purchased.

Ann Walsh feels that it would be a big gamble if we put them on a warrant. If it gets voted down then there is no purchasing Ipad's for the elementary.

Andy Crone feels that the teachers and books need to be the ones doing the teaching and not the Ipad's.

*Luella Snyder made the motion to take \$24,200.00 out of the budget for the Ipad's and place it on a warrant article, seconded by Douglas Shute – Ann Walsh is opposed and all others were in favor. The motion passed.*

*Luella Snyder made the motion to take \$2,750.00 out of the High school equipment, seconded by Douglas Shute – Ann Walsh opposes and all others were in favor. The motion passed.*

*Luella Snyder made the motion to reduce the Elementary Co-Curr Salaries line by \$5,000.00, seconded by Douglas Shute for discussion*

Douglas requested a list of all the stipend positions and the dollar amount that goes with it

Andy asked if that \$5,000.00 was for the 5 team leaders that help with after school meetings. Mr. Tursi stated that this was a request from Mr. Kilmister to have the 5 team leaders to help move our school forward in the right direction. Andy feels that this is a great idea and we do need leaders in the elementary school to keep moving forward in the right direction.

Luella suggested rather than reducing this line by \$5,000.00 only reduce it by \$2,500.00.

Ann asked for a vote on the following motion.

Luella Snyder made the motion to reduce the Elementary Co-Curr Salaries by \$5000.00. The following were Opposed – Douglas Shute, Ann Walsh, Andy Crone. The motion does not pass.

*Andy Crone made the motion to approve the 2014-2015 budget for \$8,895,738.00, seconded by Douglas Shute – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

Luella Snyder would like it to be known that she is not against education.

**FY15 Warrant Articles:**

Ann Walsh would like for Article 1- C changed to reflect that we have 1- 3 year position and 1- 1 year position.

*Douglas Shute made a motion to recommend Article 3 for the SAU budget, seconded by Andy Crone – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

*Douglas Shute made a motion to recommend Article 4 at \$30,000.00 for the updating and improving security to the schools and it is not to be taken out of the surplus, seconded by Luella Snyder – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

*Douglas Shute made the motion to recommend Article 5 at \$50,000.00 for the Capital Project Reserve Fund, seconded by, Andy Crone – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

*Andy Crone made the motion to recommend Article 6 at \$25,000.00 for the Education for the educationally disabled children, seconded by Luella Snyder – all were if favor. The motion passed.*

*Andy Crone made the motion to recommend a warrant article for \$5,000.00 to purchase library books and media, seconded by Douglas Shute – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

*Douglas Shute made the motion to have a special warrant article for the sum of \$24,200.00 to purchase technology tablets for K-3, seconded by Luella Snyder – all were in favor. The motion passed.*

**Trust fund balance:** Mr. Tursi included this for the board for review if they were to have any questions.

**Resolution Review:** The board reviewed the resolutions that were going to be discussed at the upcoming NH School Board Association Delegate Assembly and agreed with Mr. Shute on which way to vote.

#### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Douglas Shute moved, seconded Andy Crone, to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A- 3 II a, b, c, j at 8:33 PM. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Crone, yes; Snyder; yes, and Shute, yes;

**While in nonpublic session the following resignation was accepted.**

*Adam Spencer as a para-educator.*

***While in nonpublic session the board approved the following nominations:***

*David Perkins - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor*

*Kelley Carle - Mentor*

*Melissa Coffee – After School Teacher*

*Lori Bohan – High School Paraprofessional*

*Greg Gargano – Paraprofessional*

*Laurel Anderson – Mentor*

*Miranda Myrhr – Mentor*

*Susan Everette - Mentor*

***Andy Crone made the motion to come out of nonpublic session at 8:40 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 8:40pm, seconded by Luella Snyder - all were in favor.***

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Banks Secretary

Minutes are a draft until approved.

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_