

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 9, 2014
Nute High School Cafeteria**

Milton School Board:

Ann Walsh – Chairperson, Brandy Banks, Andy Crone, Douglas Shute, Paul Steer

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Andrew D’Agostino – Business Administrator

Visitors from Somersworth High School:

Jeni Mosca – Superintendent of SAU #56, Don Austin – Chairman of Somersworth School Board, Dana Rivens – Somersworth School Board Member, Bob Marquis – Assistant Superintendent of SAU #56, Pam McDonald – Director of Special Education, Ciza Coco – Home/School Liaison and Assistant Director of Special Education, Marie D’Agostino, Somersworth students: Mason, Brittany and Paige

Visitors:

Many parents, students and residents of Milton attended this meeting.

Ann Walsh called this meeting to order at 6:05pm. Brandy Banks led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Somersworth School District Presentation:

At this time a public forum was held to allow Milton residents to learn about the Somersworth High School. After the presentation the public was able to ask questions. Somersworth gave a very in depth presentation. Each Milton school board member received a notebook from the Somersworth’s board. The notebook contained information that was presented by the representatives of Somersworth High School. A copy of this notebook will be available for the residents of Milton to view. This notebook will be located in the Nute High School Library.

Public Comments:

- ❖ Nute’s lowest passing score is a 70; while Somersworth is a 60.
- ❖ For courses not offered at Milton, Milton sends students to Somersworth, Spaulding or Dover.
- ❖ Farmington will most likely come to Milton to do a presentation.
- ❖ Mr. Tursi was asked to reach out to Spaulding to see if they would be interested in taking Milton students.

- ❖ Milton School Board is just looking into all possibilities for the students. Possibilities include repairing the existing facilities as well as sending Milton students to other districts.
- ❖ If students do go to Somersworth a late bus will be needed for the students who participate in afterschool activities.
- ❖ Farmington will be over capacity if they take Milton students. We are looking at the 2015/2016 school year.
- ❖ A parent stated the following: "We must educate our students here in Milton."
- ❖ The presentation from Somersworth, Mr. Tursi will try to have it scanned and placed on the website.
- ❖ If Milton students are sent to other districts, there is a possibility of outsourcing the student transportation.
- ❖ Parents/residents are wondering how the town of Milton will be effected by having the high school students educated elsewhere.
- ❖ By the August 27th school board meeting, the board should have actual figures on all possibilities to present to the residents of Milton.

Minutes of last meeting, June 25, 2014:

Andy Crone made the motion to accept both the public and nonpublic minutes as amended. Paul Steer seconded the motion. The school board voted as follows on the motion to accept the amended minutes: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Crone – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes.

Foreign Exchange Student:

The board was informed that a foreign exchange student will be attending Nute High School this coming school year.

A motion was made to approve acceptance of the foreign exchange student by Douglas Shute. Andy Crone seconded Mr. Shute's motion. The school board voted as follows on the motion to accept the exchange student: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Crone – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes.

Correspondence:

There is no correspondence at this time.

Financial Reports:

- ❖ E-Rate monies were received (approximately \$17,000.00 through May).
- ❖ Milton qualified for an extra six cents per meal from the state.
- ❖ The school board will receive a full financial report.
- ❖ The summer school budget comes out of next year's budget.

Paul Steer made the motion to accept the financial reports. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The school board voted to accept the motion as follows: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Crone – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes.

Superintendent's Report:

- ❖ Summer school is up and running.
- ❖ The extended school year program is also up and running.
- ❖ A cooking class is included in the extended school year program.
- ❖ Construction of the garden and greenhouse has started.
- ❖ There are field trips planned. Examples of the upcoming field trips are to the Portland Museum of Art and to the Fisher Cats to learn correct scoring of a baseball game.

Old Business:

There is no old business at this time.

Committee/Board Member Reports:

Policy Committee:

- ❖ The committee reviewed and revised the Student Code of Conduct. The committee would like to present the Student Code of Conduct at the next board meeting.
- ❖ The committee also discussed having a policy for Confidentiality for Drug and Alcohol Abuse as Milton now has a counselor for such abuse.

Facilities Committee:

- ❖ Depending on the weather, the roof coating should begin next week. The coating should take one week to complete.
- ❖ Also the committee is looking at options for repairing the library carpet.
- ❖ The Facilities Committee was also presented with having a FOB system placed on several entrances. The system would be tied into the existing system.

School Board Business:

- ❖ Regarding the Right to Know Request Form, the school took the town of Milton's form and substituted the Milton School District in the heading.
- ❖ Currently requests come to the SAU via e-mail, telephone calls or postal mail.
- ❖ The SAU has five days to respond to each request.
- ❖ The form would give the SAU a record of each request.
- ❖ The form will be posted on-line in the form of a PDF. This will make the Right to Know Form easily accessible to everyone.

Mr. Shute made a motion to remove the charge of \$1.00 per page for the information being sent per the Right to Know request. Andy Crone seconded the motion. The board voted as follows on this motion: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Crone – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes.

Doug Shute made a motion to accept the amended Right to Know form. Andy Crone seconded this motion. The board voted as follows on this motion: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Crone – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes.

At this time Brandy Banks made a motion to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II b.

Andy Crone seconded the motion to enter a non-public session. The board voted as follows on this motion: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Crone – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes.

While in non-public session, the board discussed the summer nomination position. The stipend list was voted upon.

The board adjourned from the non-public session at 8:37pm and re-entered the public session.

Capital Reserve Fund:

Mr. D’Agostino explained the remaining balance of the Capital Reserve Fund.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:39pm by Paul Steer. Andy Crone seconded Mr. Steer’s motion. The board voted to adjourn as follows: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Crone – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary