

**School Administrative Unit #64
Public Hearing / Milton School Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Community Room Nute High School & Library
Public Session**

Milton School Board:

Douglas Shute – Chairman, Brandy Banks, Tim Long, Paul Steer, Ann Walsh

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle – Business Administrator,
Mary Wilson – Curriculum Coordinator, Anne Kebler – Student Services Administrator,
Bob Adams – Facilities Administrator

Visitors:

Lue Snyder, Kari Lygren, Nancy Shute, Miranda Myhre, Kelly Eaves, Stefanie Berry, Laura Noseworthy,
Nancy J. Drew

(I apologize if I missed anyone or misspelled any name.)

Douglas Shute called this meeting to order at 6:00pm. Tim Long led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing:

The purpose of this public hearing is to answer questions from the public regarding money (\$41,892.72) being requested from the Capital Reserve Fund.

- ❖ Money is to be used to upgrade cameras and security at Milton Elementary School.

Summer Summit Update:

- ❖ Milton has received increased Title 1 funds for ten additional educators to attend the Summer Summit in Nashua.
- ❖ These are unanticipated revenues.
- ❖ \$11,900 cost of the conference.
- ❖ Expenses for travel are covered by a different portion of the grant.

DHHS Update:

- ❖ Milton has received an additional \$100,000.
 - ✓ \$80,000 for the year 2016.
 - ✓ \$20,000 for the year 2017.
- ❖ Money is used in several programs, for example:
 - ✓ Covers 50% of the Student Assistant Counselor

- ✓ Youth to Youth Program
- ✓ Travel expenses for the Youth to Youth Program

Public Hearing concluded at 6:07pm.

Paul Steer made the motion to spend \$41,892.72 from the Capital Reserve Fund for security upgrades at Milton Elementary School. Ann Walsh seconded this motion. The school board members voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Paul Steer made the motion to accept the additional Title 1 funds in the amount of \$11,900. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The members voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Ann Walsh made the motion to accept and approve the DHHS Funds in the amount of \$80,000 for the year 2016. Paul Steer seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Ann Walsh made the motion to accept and approve the DHHS Funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the year 2017. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The members voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)
The \$20,000 will be considered anticipated revenue.

Public Comment:

- ❖ Lue Snyder would like the school board to purchase a recording device for the secretary to use.
Response: This will be taken under advisement.
- ❖ Will the school board meetings be televised? Response: We will be meeting with the town selectmen to discuss televising these meetings.
- ❖ Mrs. Nancy Shute placed a request before the school board. Rather than have it discussed during nonpublic session; Mrs. Shute would like the request discussed in public session.

Stefanie Berry – Community service requirement, elementary playground:

- ❖ Stefanie Berry read the following statement: (please see the next page)

I wanted to let the school board know that I am very concerned with how the administration is going about obtaining a contracted counseling agency for the elementary and middle/high school. For many years I have been asking for the administration to look into obtaining contracted counseling to be able to provide more services for students and families who are struggling with mental health issues. This year I was told by Mr. Tursi that they will be moving forward with trying to obtain this resource. I was told in Oct that they are speaking with Community Partners and that it would cost over \$7,000 to be able to bring this service to Milton. In Dec. I found out that the agency that I work for, Sweetser which is based in Maine, had obtained its paperwork to expand into NH. Sweetser provides many different mental health services including school based counseling. The premise of the school based program is that a counselor is placed in the school and can meet with students throughout the day as well as connect with teachers and families to provide a collaborative approach for students who are struggling and are at high risk. Sweetser has had their school based program for many years and receives extremely positive feedback from the schools that they currently work with. The best part about Sweetser is its completely FREE!!

I immediately passed this information on to Anne as well as Mr. Tursi. I also provided their contact information to the Sweetser School Based Director Wendy Anders. I followed up with Anne and was told that she had been playing phone tag with Wendy and hadn't been able to get much information and at that time was leaning towards contracting with Community Partners because she felt they did more community work such as working with the families. I told Anne that Sweetser does work with the families and should try to connect again and she told me she would. I followed up with my director who forwarded me the email trail of her reaching out to Anne and not receiving a response.

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The point of bringing counseling services to Milton schools is to target the children and families that have not been able to access counseling services so I'm confused as to why we are choosing an agency that is going to charge over \$7,000 to contract with them simply because some of the kids in the community already go there. I was told that this would be paid for with a grant but the thing about grants is they end and then if we can't budget for the program, it gets cut. I feel that there is a more qualified agency that specializes in school based counseling that provides this service for free. I'm sharing this information with the board because I think it is important for the board to be asking questions regarding how certain decisions are made and if other options have been researched. I am not sure where things stand with the contract with Community Partners but I do not feel appropriate decisions were made regarding this program.

Response: The school board members will place this under advisement. Also note that Milton will be moving forward with Community Partners. It is already part of the next year's budget. Their service will be brought in-house.

- ❖ Stefanie Berry read another statement/request to the school board. It is reprinted below. Also included by Ms. Berry were *12 Reasons Community Service Should be Required in Schools*. These reasons were obtained from the following website: onlinecollege.org

June 24, 2015

I am here tonight asking the board to support an initiative to implement mandatory community service for all high school students as a requirement for graduation. For the past year, a group of concerned citizens including students, parents, teachers and community members have met as Milton Matters. This group was formed after surveys done at the high school and middle school level concluded that there is a major deficit in Milton with how youth are interacting in our community. There is a high level of substance abuse, high level of mental health issues including suicidality and the survey's indicated that there was an overall feeling that the youth do not feel connected to the community. Milton Matters has allowed for many different ideas to be identified as to how to help connect youth to the community in a positive way. Some ideas are basic while others are more challenging, requiring a lot of time and money before they could be implemented. The group has decided to focus on three of the more basic initiatives to start, including obtaining a better school website that is easier to navigate and more inclusive of school and town information, reaching out to the Rec Department to see about starting swim lessons at the town beach and finally, the reason I'm here tonight, having community service be a mandated requirement for our high school students.

Community Service requirement is not a new idea. There are many schools in this area that have required community service hours from their students for many years. Coe Brown Academy in Northwood requires 40 hours. Prospect Mountain requires 30. Noble High School requires 30. Sanford High School requires 20. I have attached an article that was found on onlinecollege.org, stating 12 reasons students should be required to volunteer. Included on this list is youth obtaining a sense of responsibility and pride in their community as well as increased sense of self-efficacy. By making community service mandatory, we are setting a tone in this community that we recognize the benefits of participating in the community. Some may argue that making community service mandatory is taking away the fundamental that it is voluntary. I argue that we as adults have a duty to the youth of the town to provide them and guide them towards opportunities where they will be able to increase their skills and learn how to be successful citizens. This requirement would be no different that requiring a certain amount of English classes, foreign language classes or gym classes to graduate. This would be no

different than how school's incorporate sex education into the curriculum or DARE for substance abuse awareness. The school's do this because it has been proven that providing children with this information increases that child's chances of becoming a more successful adult.

I have spoken to our superintendent about implementing a community service requirement and his response was his, "(current focus for high school is making connections for students within and outside of our community. Once solid connections and relationships have been made, community service as a requirement for graduation may be more obtainable." I feel we can achieve the goal of building connections and relationships by implementing mandatory community service. By pushing adolescents to go and spend a certain amount of hours in the community, working with adults who are volunteering on their own accord, it would allow them to build skills, build their interests, and make connections with positive adults. My hope would be that the school would attach a learning project with their community service requirement, where instead of the adolescent just blindly volunteering for organizations or events, they actually are required to research and learn about the wider issues that affect the community as well as the country. For example, if they were to volunteer at the food pantry or End 68 Hours of Hunger, they would research and write a small report regarding poverty, homelessness, or how academics are affected by not receiving enough food. If they were to volunteer for the Rec Dept and run a basketball clinic, they

could research and write about how sports benefit a child. Any organization that the student is going to volunteer for is going to have a mission for why it is running that the student could learn about and would be able to apply it to their present situation or use it later on in life.

I've spoken to many people including administration, teachers, parents, and community members, about this idea. The majority of people understand and agree that there are many benefits that would come from implementing this, not only for the students but for the community as well. One of the biggest concerns I have heard is "are there enough opportunities in the town for students to be able to reach a mandatory amount of hours". I have created a list of at least 20 non-profit organizations and town departments that are right in Milton that provide services to the town and are always looking for volunteers. They also have adults who would be appropriate to supervise the youth and sign off on the hours completed. Community service hours do not have to be completed in a student's specific town so there are many other opportunities in Rochester and Dover or other nearby towns and cities.

Assembly of God Church Community
Church of Milton
End 68 Hours of Hunger Milton
Milton PTA Nute High/Middle School
Milton Elementary School
Milton Recreation Dept.
Milton Fire Dept. Highway,
Buildings and Grounds Department
NH Farm Museum
Milton Town Forest Committee
Milton Volunteers Committee
Milton Women's Club
Historical Society
Free Public Library
Nute Library
Nute Ridge Church
Milton Food Pantry
Teneriffe Sports Club
Moose Mountain Regional T
Three Pond Water Protection
Friends of Nute
Strafford County Head Start

I feel as a citizen that there are many things that can be done to improve things in the school and in the town that do not take a lot of time, effort, or money. This is one of those things. Community service could be tied into the student's learning, would benefit the student in having them participate in prosocial activities, and is not any more challenging to track than the other graduating requirements. There should be little to no cost to the school. Community service opportunities could be posted in the guidance area, office area, or on the school website. I am asking the board to encourage the administration to go forward with this initiative and implement it in the high school in a timely manner. My recommendation is that the school starts with 20 community service hours over the 4 year period, with it being reduced for current sophomore, junior and senior classes. Thank you for your time. I wanted to let the school board know that I am very concerned with how the administration is going about obtaining a contracted counseling agency for the elementary and middle/high school. For many years I have been asking for the administration to look into obtaining contracted counseling to be able to provide more services for students and families who are struggling with mental health issues. This year I was told by Mr. Tursi that they will be moving forward with trying to obtain this resource. I was told in Oct that they are speaking with Community Partners and that it would cost over \$7,000 to be able to bring this service to Milton. In Dec. I found out that the agency that I work for, Sweetser which is based in Maine, had obtained its paperwork to expand into NH. Sweetser provides many different mental health services including school based counseling. The premise of the school based program is that a counselor is placed in the school and can meet with students throughout the day as well as connect with teachers and families to provide a collaborative approach for students who are struggling and are at high risk. Sweetser has had their school based program for many years and receives extremely positive feedback from the schools that they currently work with. The best part about

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Discussion on community service:

- ❖ The school board felt community service is a good idea.
- ❖ There are concerns of the number of opportunities in Milton for students.
- ❖ Someone in the school district would need to be in charge of this program.
- ❖ The community hours would be served over the entire high school years.
- ❖ Community Service would need to be phased in as a graduation requirement.
- ❖ Need to plan so it would not become a hindrance to a student graduating.
- ❖ Ms. Berry gave the board a list of the Milton community opportunities.
- ❖ Some opportunities are within walking distance of the school.
- ❖ Transportation needs to be considered for student's taking the bus home after school.

Milton Elementary Playground

- ❖ The MES PTA would like the school board's approval of their plans for the playground.
- ❖ \$10,000 has been allocated for Phase 1 by the PTA to blacktop an area and remove two pieces of faulty/broken playground equipment.
- ❖ Current basketball area will have blacktop removed at no cost. This area will be replaced with mulch.
- ❖ Schematic plans have been drawn.
- ❖ Plans to purchase new adjustable basketball hoops.
- ❖ Projects to be done over the summer.
- ❖ According to Mr. Adams; drainage of the new blacktop area has been addressed.
- ❖ Ann Walsh suggested that the school board receive a written report of the work to be done.

- ❖ The volunteer removing the blacktop is covered by insurance.
- ❖ The poison ivy in the area of the school is sprayed each year.
- ❖ The upcoming professional development of “Play Works” was mentioned. Full report on this professional development will be coming.

Brandy Banks made the motion to approve Phase 1 of the playground. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted in favor as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Nancy Drew - Nute Wall of Distinction: (on the next page is the information sheet given to the school board.)

- ❖ Program is every two years.
- ❖ Nominations are accepted from everyone.
- ❖ Ms. Drew asks that the “Wall of Distinction” be part of a scholarship.
- ❖ Ms. Drew asks the board to approve the “Wall of Distinction” as part of the school program.
- ❖ As part of the school program, the wall would have nonprofit distinction.
- ❖ They would like to use the Milton Trustees of the Trust Fund to be holders of the funds.
- ❖ Not looking for budgetary amounts from the school.
- ❖ Would like to work under the school’s nonprofit number.

Tim Long made a motion to request the Milton School Board’s approval of the Nute High School Wall of Distinction, Recognition and Scholarship committee to be recognized as a nonprofit school organization. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Nute High School
Wall of Distinction

The concept of the Nute Wall of Distinction was initiated in 2000 when the Milton schools became involved in the Best Schools Initiative through the NH Department of Education. The focus of this three year project called "Bridging the Gap" sought to foster communication and create strong links between the schools and the community of Milton.

The purpose of the Nute Wall of Distinction is to recognize Nute Alumni who have distinguished themselves in one or more of several general areas of endeavor beyond high school during their lifetime. Honorary members are sometimes chosen who are not Nute alumni, but persons who have contributed much to the schools and/or the community. Nomination forms, found on the website, are submitted to the Nute Principal and reviewed by the Wall of Distinction committee.

In recognition of this honor, a bi-annual ceremony is held in the fall, and attended by nominees and or family members. Plaques are hung in the community room of the Nute Library acknowledging the individuals who have received this distinction. The areas of endeavor are: Community/Public Service, Athletics, Music, Arts, Sciences, Military, Technology, Education and Business.

The first ceremony took place in October of 2002. To date 63 Nute graduates and 8 Honorary members have been recognized on the Wall of Distinction.

In 2014, at the suggestion of the Nute Principal, the committee agreed to investigate establishing a scholarship fund for graduating seniors.

Wall of Distinction Scholarship Process

Request Milton School Board approval of the Nute High School Wall of Distinction Recognition & Scholarship Committee to be recognized as a non-profit school organization.

Submit Articles of Agreement and proof of Board approval to the NH Department of State, Corporate Division

Meet with the Milton Trustees of the Trust Fund to request approval for them to act as Holders of the Trust.

Register with the NH Charitable Trust Division

Begin soliciting funds.

Mr. Douglas Shute excused himself from the room for the next topic of board discussion.

Nancy Shute – Personal Request:

- ❖ Mrs. Shute requested to be paid a percentage of her 105 sick days upon her retirement from Nute as a paraprofessional.
- ❖ The current contract does not provide for this benefit.
- ❖ Mrs. Shute stated that the benefits for paraprofessionals should be equal to the teachers.
- ❖ According to Mrs. Shute, teachers and paraprofessionals do work for the same company.
- ❖ Mrs. Shute would like to help future paraprofessionals.
- ❖ Pay levels for paraprofessionals are lower than those of teachers.
- ❖ The school board is looking into all benefits for all employees.

Tim Long made the motion to deny Nancy Shute's request. Paul Steer seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)
(Shute – absent from room)

At this time Mr. Douglas Shute returned to the room and took his seat on the board.

Minutes of last meeting – June 10, 2015:

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the public minutes of June 10, 2015 as written. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – abstain, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 1)

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the nonpublic minutes of June 10, 2015 as written. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The members voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – abstain, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 1)

Superintendent's Report:

NHSA policy review:

- ❖ The New Hampshire School Board Association will review the entire policy manual for a cost of \$1,200.
- ❖ The NHSBA will make sure that the policy book is up to date.
- ❖ The school board will receive a complete report from the association for any changes and updates made.
- ❖ Current policy manual is missing a few items and some policies are outdated.
- ❖ The school board may have had this review done about four years ago.

It was decided to table this issue.

Wakefield's SAU Withdrawal Planning Update:

- ❖ Wakefield needs to have a public forum.
- ❖ They have an incomplete proposed budget.
- ❖ Transition year to be 2016/2017.
- ❖ July 1, 2017 is the proposed date for Wakefield to open their SAU.
- ❖ The new SAU may not save any money.

- ❖ Milton needs to look to move forward with their SAU committee.

Administration:

Curriculum Coordinator's Report – NWEA Presentation:

- ❖ Most of the K – 6 teams have completed their ELS curricular units and Year at a Glance.
- ❖ Middle, High and Special Education teachers are working to complete their units.
- ❖ Second week of the Curriculum Institute, July 13-16 will be at Nute. The final week, August 10-13, will be at MES.
- ❖ Fidelity if Integrity Assessment (FIA) was administered at one of our recent CIA meetings.
- ❖ Comparison results of the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress from the fall 2014 to the spring 2015 were discussed.
- ❖ Progress has been made in 80% of the FIA areas.
- ❖ NWEA results:
 - ✓ These results are to be used as a baseline.
 - ✓ Indicators report in five categories: Low, Low Average, Average, High Average and High.
 - ✓ Students are tested in Reading and Mathematics.
 - ✓ Target numbers in the fall are lower than in the Spring. There is an assumption the students will grow over the course of the school year.
 - ✓ Test is adaptive.
 - Helps to keep student's frustration levels low.
 - The better the student performs the harder the questions become. The lower the performance, the easier the questions become.
 - Milton was in the 40% for Mathematics. Milton is now at 51%.
 - Test based on the Common Core Standards that was adopted by Milton.
 - Plan to identify students who scored lower in order to address their needs.
- ❖ Every Day Math company is transitioning MES to the updated version without any additional costs.
- ❖ Anticipating being complete in ELA and Mathematic units (curriculum) by the end of next year.

Student Services Report:

- ❖ We have a full staff for the extended school year.
- ❖ The extended school year will be a five week program, four days per week, hours to be 8 – 11:30am.
- ❖ Medicaid numbers have increased. Thank you for great staff reporting.
- ❖ Special Education placements as of June 17, 2015 were shown to the board.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Aaron Bronson:

- ❖ 42 students participated in graduation on June 12, 2015.
- ❖ Mr. Bronson gave a list of the graduates and their post-graduation plans.

- ❖ Come of the plans include working; attending Mt. Ida College, Plymouth State Univ., Univ. of New Hampshire, NHTI, Mass. College of Pharmacy and Health Science, Bentley Univ., Brandeis Univ. and joining the U.S. Navy.
- ❖ Upcoming Events: First Day of School – August 27, 2015.

Mr. Doug Kilmister:

In Mr. Kilmister's report the following topics were discussed:

- ❖ Math Focus for Next School Year
- ❖ Playground Redesign and Training
- ❖ Kindergarten Enrollment and Change of Teaching at Grade Level
 - ✓ Next year there will be a lower number of Kindergarten students.
 - ✓ MES will have three classrooms for First Grade.
 - ✓ MES is on course for following the ten year enrollment projections.
- ❖ Furniture and Technology Purchases
- ❖ Included was a calendar of the events at MES this summer.

School Board Business:

Field Trip Requests:

- ❖ New York City Great Adventure trip for May 2016.

Tim Long made the motion to approve the New York City Great Adventure Field Trip for May 2016. Paul seconded the motion.

- ❖ Ann Walsh would like to review overnight summer camping trip first before the New York City trip.

Paul Steer withdrew his second. Tim Long withdrew his motion.

- ❖ Overnight Camping Trip to White Lake State Park on July 22 – 23, 2015.
 - ✓ The school board does not currently have rules for overnight trips.
 - ✓ The school board does not have enough information on this trip.

Ann Walsh made the motion to deny the request for the overnight camping trip to White Lake State Park. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The board voted to deny the trip as follows: Shute - yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

- ❖ New York City Great Adventure trip for May 2016.

Tim Long made the motion to allow the trip to New York City in May 2016. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted to allow the trip as follows: Shute - yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Bus Routes for Board Approval:

- ❖ There have been no changes made in the bus routes for the next school year.

Paul Steer made the motion to approve the Milton School District 2015-2016 Bus Routes. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted its approval as follows: Shute - yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Harriman Proposal:

❖ Civil engineering work, roof work and structural engineering at Milton Elementary School. Paul Steer made the motion to allow Harriman to do the work at MES. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The members voted their approval as follows: Shute - yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Old Business:

Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

- ❖ Policy Subcommittee will meet July 22, 2015 @ 5:00pm.
- ❖ Other subcommittees will post their meetings once the dates are set.

Facilities:

- ❖ The driveways will be patched this summer.

Milton Selectmen Meeting:

- ❖ Date for a July meeting is not certain at this date. Mr. Tursi will contact the selectmen for their available dates now that he has the school board's available dates.

Portsmouth Shipyard Outreach Program – Paul Steer:

- ❖ Building kits are provided by the shipyard.
- ❖ Students build remote control underwater vehicles.
- ❖ Students work in groups of two or three.
- ❖ Program is geared for students in grades 7 and 8.
- ❖ The contact information on this program was given to Mr. Tursi.
- ❖ Program takes two weeks of morning instruction.
- ❖ Competition takes place at the Univ. of New Hampshire pool.

Committee/Board Member Reports:

Facilities:

- ❖ Discussion of the Harriman report took place during today's Facilities meeting.
- ❖ The purchase of the X5 Series John Deere Tractor with the mulching kit will cost less than anticipated.
- ❖ Greenhouse update given.
 - ✓ Currently money for the greenhouse is not in a budget line.
 - ✓ Voters have not been informed of the greenhouse project.
- ❖ Locking System
 - ✓ \$14,800 for Phase 1 of the locking system at MES and part of Nute.

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve Phase 1 of the locking system upgrade to be paid out of the Security Capital Trust Fund. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted its approval as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

- ❖ Back Bay is the recommended company to upgrade the wireless infrastructure at MES at a cost of \$11,050.

Tim Long made the motion to approve Back Bay upgrading the wireless infrastructure at MES, with the cost of \$11,050 coming from a Rural Education Grant. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The board voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

❖ Library Flooring:

✓ Accolade Environmental Contracting at a cost of \$4,800 for asbestos floor abatement.

Paul Steer made the motion to accept Accolade Environmental Contracting’s bid of \$4,800 for asbestos floor abatement. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The members voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

At this time the school board took a short break.

A motion was made by Brandy Banks to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II b,c at 8:17pm. Ann Walsh seconded this motion. The members voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

While the school board was in nonpublic session resignations, nominations, the principal position and a tuition were discussed.

A motion to exit the nonpublic session was made by Paul Steer and seconded by Brandy Banks. The board voted to agree as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Public Comment:

None

Paul Steer made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:45pm. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary