

**School Administrative unit #64  
Milton School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 25, 2014  
Community Room Nute High School & Library**

**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:**

Miranda Myhre

**Ann Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Beth Seldin led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments at this time.

**Minutes of last meeting on June 11, 2014:**

Andy Crone made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014 with corrections in the public minutes and the nonpublic as they stand. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The board voted as follows to approve the minutes as amended: Ann Walsh – yes, Brandy Banks – yes, Andy Crone – yes, Douglas Shute – yes, Paul Steer – yes.

**Correspondence:**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip:**

- ❖ The only changes for the 8th grade class trip this year from last year are the dates of the trip.
- ❖ Mrs. Normand is the person who organizes the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip each year.
- ❖ Mrs. Normand does a fantastic job on the class trip.

Brandy Banks made the motion for the board to allow the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to New York City. Andy Crone seconded the motion. The full board voted as follows on allowing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip: Ann Walsh – yes, Brandy Banks – yes, Andy Crone – yes, Douglas Shute – yes, Paul Steer – yes.

**Administration:**

**Curriculum Coordinators Report:**

- ❖ How is the curriculum development going?

Response: The development is going well. Teachers are producing quality work. We are hopefully looking to have completed documents in a total of three years.

- ❖ Smarter Balance Assessment testing will be beginning next year.
- ❖ Curriculum is working towards re-aligning with Common Core.
- ❖ The units that teachers are currently implementing are designed using Common Core.

**Principal's Report:**

- ❖ How many teachers teach summer school?

Response: There are enrichment courses such as cooking, baseball, statistics, art, assistance with the greenhouse project. Plus the regular school subjects for example: mathematics and English Language, etc.

- ❖ This year the enrichment courses are being funded by grants.

**Old Business:**

- ❖ Mr. D'Agostino just received notice from the Wakefield School Board that they may not be having Café Services for 2014/2015 school year.
- ❖ Milton will need to find out if this will have an effect on the contract currently before them.
- ❖ Café Services has a director that oversees Wakefield and Milton.
- ❖ At this time it is not 100% certain that Wakefield will not be using Café Services.
- ❖ It is possible that the person that oversees Wakefield and Milton will need to be hired at a lower rate if Wakefield does not use their services.
- ❖ Milton School Board has not yet signed a contract with Café Services. The contract could be up to a five year contract, which is renewable annually.
- ❖ Money from the federal government contains requirements that must be followed; for example: number of calories per portion, percentage of protein, meal containing fruit and vegetables.
- ❖ If the federal requirements are not followed, the school will lose federal funding.
- ❖ Mr. D'Agostino will attempt to reach Chris at Café Services to find out if there will be any changes for Milton if Wakefield withdraws.
- ❖ Mr. Tursi feels there should be no impact on Milton as Milton currently has a contract with Café Services before the board.

Andy Crone made a motion to approve the Café Services contract providing there are no changes.

Paul Steer seconds this motion. The school board voted as follows to approve the Café Service contract providing there are to be no changes: Ann Walsh – yes, Brandy Banks – yes, Andy Crone – yes, Douglas Shute – yes, Paul Steer – yes.

**Superintendent's Report:**

The Friends of Nute have approached Mr. Tursi for permission to work in Room 13. They plan to complete their project by August 30<sup>th</sup>. The group is ready to begin work ASAP.

### **Committee/Board Member Reports:**

#### **High School Visitations:**

Andy Crone went to the Strafford Learning Center. The Artist in Residence had a tremendous impact on the students. Students had to develop their idea of Utopia using History, Mathematics and Language Arts. Strafford Learning Center just received their five year approval which is really remarkable.

#### **Park and Recreation Dept.:**

According to Douglas Shute, Park and Rec is doing well.

#### **Policy and Facilities Subcommittees:**

Both committees are on track and doing well.

#### **Old Business:**

- ❖ Mr. Tursi found out for the board that anyone who comes to volunteer working at Nute comes under Nute's liability.
- ❖ Mr. Shute asked for copies of the assistant principal and the principals' contracts.
- ❖ In the line items the \$80,000 that is needed for food services will show where it is coming from and being transferred to.

#### **School Bus:**

- ❖ The new school bus is to replace the 2001(year) bus that is currently being used as a spare.
- ❖ The 2001 bus has approximately 160,000 miles.
- ❖ The new bus will become a regularly used bus and another older school bus will become the spare.
- ❖ Mr. D'Agostino would like to try and sell the 2001 bus. It does need several thousand dollars of repair work.

A motion was made by Douglas Shute to approve the bid to buy a new school bus by W.C. Cressy & Sons, Inc. for \$82,000.00. Andy Crone seconded this motion. The entire board voted to accept this motion as follows: Ann Walsh – yes, Brandy Banks – yes, Andy Crone – yes, Douglas Shute – yes, Paul Steer – yes.

#### **High School Options:**

- ❖ Mr. Crone informed the board that he and Mrs. Banks visited with the Farmington School Board.
- ❖ Packages of information from Farmington were given to each of our school board members.
- ❖ Farmington has a partnership with SNHU (Southern New Hampshire University). Consequently, SNHU has a large presence at the Farmington High School.
- ❖ Middleton's school board meets on the same night as Milton. Therefore, none of our board members were able to meet with the Middleton school board.
- ❖ The Rollingsford's school board will not be meeting until July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Somersworth will be coming to Milton on July 9<sup>th</sup> for a public forum on their high school.
- ❖ Mr. Elder will be contacted to place a notice of this forum on Facebook. Mr. Tursi will place notices in the Rochester Times as well as other venues.
- ❖ Farmington has a GED program with a 100% graduation rate.

At this time Brandy Banks made a motion for the board to enter a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II a,b. Andy Crone seconded this motion. The board voted as follows to enter a nonpublic session at 6:50pm: Ann Walsh – yes, Brandy Banks – yes, Andy Crone – yes, Douglas Shute – yes, Paul Steer – yes.

While the school board was in nonpublic session the following were discussed: the resignation of Mr. David Perkins, nominations of new personnel and a student situation.

A motion was made by Brandy Banks to adjourn from this nonpublic session at 7:15pm. Andy Crone seconded this motion. The full board voted to adjourn from this non-public session as follows: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Crone – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes.

Upon returning to the public session Andy Crone made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The entire board voted to adjourn as follows: Ann Walsh – yes, Brandy Banks – yes, Andy Crone – yes, Douglas Shute – yes, Paul Steer – yes.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beth Seldin  
Recording Secretary