

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64  
Milton School Board Meeting  
Emma Ramsey Building  
Wednesday, March 28, 2018

PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting called to order at 6:00**

Meeting called to order by Doug Shute at 6:00 PM

**Pledge**

Alana Shute; Aden Wideberg; Meadow Ewald; Kaylia Vasile-Knight – MES students

**School Board Members in Attendance:**

Douglas Shute - Chairperson, Melissa Brown, Paul Steer, Peg Hurd, Laura Noseworthy, Shari Gaesser- Secretary

**SAU Representatives:**

Earl Sussman- Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle - Financial Manager, Bob Adams – Director of Facilities, Jan Radowicz – Principal – Nute Middle High School, John Safina – MES Principal, Melissa Jean – SPED Director.

**Public in attendance**

Kim Massaro, Bob Carrier, Lynnette McDougall, Craig Wideberg, Tracey Voisine, Jason Shute, Erin Hutchings, Kelly Therriault.

**Presentation by MES Art Students – Ms. Massaro**

- This project has been in the works for about a year. Tim Christensen came in for a one day project with the students. It has been several months of coordination as to how we could do a school wide project. How could we do something outdoors? The space in the court yard is under-utilized, so we came up with a Labyrinth design. It is a healing project and can be a tool for teachers, students, and counselors to use as a place to calm down and take a walk. That is one of the reasons we came to the labyrinth idea. Using tiles, the design and where but what is this going to be about. We wanted to access things that students that will resonate with and be important to them. Theme design is of a community. Ms. Massaro presented the Blueprint.
- Thanks to Bob Adams and team for helping. We will need to bring in sand and lay the labyrinth out. It will need to be flush to ground. Community idea and little kids fit into the metaphor - School of fish and Tim Christensen's art draws from nature. We asked the students, "What happens with a school of fish?" Idea's started to pop up. All the kids came up with a word bank from all MES classes. We then asked each student to choose a word from the word bank and/or something that made sense to them and make a design on the tile. They all drew sea creatures.

- Aden –I made a manta ray that could symbolize friendship. Alana - Family of whales. Meadow – Used the word thankful and have fish. Kaylia – Used the word friends and drew mermaids. Kaylia - We used tools like professional sculpting tools and used a tool (etching type item).
- Ms. Massaro - It is a great way for all students on the spectrum to utilize visual language to communicate. Visual language can be powerful. Staff also came and worked on tiles. I was able to work with everyone in the school. Paul – What are the next steps? Ms. Massaro – We will take the tiles and have them fired. Then leveling and ordering the sand and stone. The work may begin in May. Paul –Will they be stuck to rock? Ms. Massaro – yes. Probably there will be stones that may not have tiles on them but possible for the future. This is Phase 1 of a 5 part series. Using this community wide arts experience to build and revitalize this space. Peg – On the diagram what is the big space in middle going to be used for? Ms. Massaro – Not sure, maybe that would be part 2; a bench or birdbath, flower garden; Mr. Safina – Sundial? Not sure.

### **Board Re-organization**

- Motion made by Peg to nominate Doug Shute as Chairman. Seconded by Paul. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion made by Doug to nominate Peg Hurd as Vice Chair. Seconded by Paul. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Budget Committee – Paul – Recommend that we keep the members the same. Motion made by Paul to nominate Peg Hurd to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Doug. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion by Doug to nominate Paul Steer as NHSBA School Board Delegate. Seconded by Peg. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion by Peg to nominate Laura Noseworthy and Melissa Brown to the Policy Committee. Seconded by Paul. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes
- Motion made by Paul to nominate Peg Hurd to as Professional Development Representative. Seconded by Doug –Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion by Laura to nominate Paul Steer and Doug Shute to the School Site Facilities/ Planning Committee. Seconded by Peg. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes
- Motion by Peg to nominate Laura Noseworthy to Parks and Recreation Committee. Seconded by Doug. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion made by Peg to nominate Doug Shute as Stafford Learning Center Representative. Seconded by Laura. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion made by Laura to nominate Doug Shute and Peg Hurd to the Negotiations Committee. Seconded by Paul. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.

- Peg nominated Laura Noseworthy as alternate to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Melissa. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion made by Laura to nominate Melissa Brown as alternate for NHSBA Delegate. Seconded by Paul. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Doug – The list of assignments needs to go to Kathy at the SAU and Michelle Town Clerk.

### **Public Comments**

- None

Safety was moved to non-public.

- Motion made by Doug to move into Non-Public pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II a,b,c at 6:21PM. Seconded by Peg. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.

### **Minutes of March 14**

- Motion made by Peg to approve the minutes of March 14, 2018 with corrections. Seconded by Laura. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Peg – to confirm that the meeting minutes will be sent out to all members of the Board and corrections made in red will be returned to Shari. Shari will then send the corrected copy along with the corrections in red to Kathy for inclusion in the packets

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Earl – Extended School Days – The State indicated on early release days and late start days that if there are 3.5 hours of instruction during that day then it will count as 5.5 hours. Principals will be given hours vs. days. Barring any other acts of snow etc. we will have a good handle on hours. I will give an updated worksheet. Laura - When will you have that information? Earl – April 11<sup>th</sup>. As of now 3.5 equals 5.5.
- Earl – We are doing a great deal of work with security and working as a team with Chief Krause. Working to ensure that students are safe.
- Jan – Friday during our teacher workshop, Chief Krause and Police Officer Favorite did a presentation regarding school shootings and fire in a nightclub. They also discussed the ways to calm our selves during a stressful situation. The three stages noted deny, delay and defend if someone is trying to get in the room were discussed.
- Jan – The students have asked for senior lunch proposal – to leave just during lunch and return. Not enough time as it is only 24 minutes long. This is ok for those that go home and come right back but the concern is students trying to get to Farmington or Rochester, especially during bad weather, which could be dangerous. The student has to have an 80 or above and they only have 24 minutes. A parent signature is required. If the student is tardy a 3<sup>rd</sup> time lose the privilege for a week. The 4<sup>th</sup> tardy the student would lose it for 2 weeks. After that, they would lose the privilege permanently. Doug – is this a norm? Jan – Some schools do have this. Doug – Concerns? Jan – Yes; if they are gone. Doug – what would the Board like to do? Laura – The privilege was stopped due to issues.

- A motion was made by Laura to not go forward with the Senior Lunch. Seconded by Melissa. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Jan – Senior class trip - The students would like to go to North Conway; rafting hiking, etc. This would be June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Senior dinner would be at the Farmington House of Pizza. Rumor of Senior Skip Day, which is not approved. The students have been told that if they skip then they can't go on the senior trip. They do have some money raised. Laura – how much they made at the spaghetti supper? Jan – I'm not sure. Paul made the motion to approve the Senior Class Trip. Seconded by Peg. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Jan – Heard back re: early grad. Earl – positive discussion and allowed parent and student input. Melissa – Did look into other schools. Laura – We need to share this information with the whole Board before a decision can be made.

### **School Board Business**

#### **Calendar for 2018/2019**

- Paul – What is the point of going 2 days and then off for 3 days? Said every year. Laura – It would be nice if we could start earlier and maybe see one of the February, March vacation weeks go away so we could get out of school earlier.
- Doug – I have questions regarding the meetings for December, January, February and April due to early release days or holidays. Paul – early release days we always have meetings. Motion was made by Peg to accept the 2018/2019 calendar. Seconded by Laura. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Jan – School Board Scholarship Donation – Every year the Board votes to give \$100 each from salary to go to a scholarship. Doug – Does the Board want to vote to do this again? Motion was made by Peg to donate \$100 per Board members salary to the School Board Scholarship. Seconded by Doug. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes. Earl – I will also donate \$100 to it.
- Jan – The school can provide forms or do you want to use another form? Motion was made by Doug to use the school form. Seconded by Peg. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Committee Reports**

- Laura – Policy Committee – We were not able to meet. We did have a discussion with a student that had asked about the opportunity to be considered Valedictorian of the class of 2019 even though he will have finished his required 24 credits by the end of 2018. We have items to share with the Board regarding this.
- Representative for selectmen's meetings. Erin Hutchings as Selectmen's Representative. Paul to nominated Peg and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa and Doug alternate and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.

## Public Comments

- Lynette McDougall – I just wanted to say that these meetings are run so well. I do have a question regarding safety. When there is an alert at the school, will the parents be notified? Also, what is being done? Paul - We have the alerts. Jan – we thought about having Chief talk to the students. Doug – We won't be able tell you due to safety. Lynette – I am asking the questions so the public will know.
- Jan – Mock Bedroom Presentation for Tuesday, April 3, for parents to be aware of drugs and alcohol and where kids may hide the items. It starts a 6 pm with a tour of the bedroom and then 6:30 – 8:30 there will be a presentation.
- Paul – This I my 4<sup>th</sup> year on school board and we are seeing lots of programs coming through which is great.
- Motion by Paul for 5 minute break and seconded by Doug at 8:53PM. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion was made by Doug to go into nonpublic at 9:04PM. Seconded by Paul. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion was made by Melissa to come out of nonpublic at 9:47PM. Seconded by Paul. Vote passes 5/0/0. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.
- Motion by Melissa to adjourn at 9:50 PM. Seconded by Peg. Melissa – Yes; Paul – Yes; Doug – Yes; Peg – Yes and Laura – Yes.

Respectfully Submitted

Shari Gaesser

Secretary

Minutes Approved on: April 11, 2018