

**School Administration Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Nute High School and Library
Public Session**

Milton School Board Members: Douglas Shute – Chairman, Brandy Banks, Paul Steer, Tim Long, Ann Walsh.

Administration: Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle – Financial Manager, Scot Currier –Nute Middle/High School Principal Bob Adams – Facilities Manager.

Visitors: Miranda Myhre, Kelly Eaves, Laurie & Emily Jordan, Stefanie Berry, Lue Snyder.

◆**Douglas Shute called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.**

•Ann Walsh led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Recognition:

◆ Michael Tursi recognized two students for their artwork on the covers of the Milton School District Annual Report Book. They received a gift card to Barnes and Noble

• Emily Jordan is in third grade and designed the back cover.
• Holly Ohlenbush is in tenth grade and designed the front cover with the saying, “Strive for Progress, Not Perfection”

◆ Douglas Shute presented Ann Walsh with a signed card from the board and a big thank you for her service as a Milton School Board Member. Ann has served on the board for fifteen years.

Minutes:

◆ Ann Walsh made the motion to accept the public minutes of February 10, 2016 as amended. Brandy Banks 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 the nonpublic minutes of February 10, 2016. Brandy Banks 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 the nonpublic minutes of February 18, 2016. Paul Steer seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – abstain, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes (4-0-1)

Superintendents Report:

◆ Michael Tursi stated the school board needs to form a screening committee to interview for a new principal. The deadline for the applications will be March 25, 2016. A public forum should be held so the public can meet the applicants and ask questions.

• Douglas Shute stated that people will be appointed to the committee

Administration:

Financial report:

- Douglas Shute asked if all the monies have been encumbered.
- Nathan Castle replied that the spring sports and salaries have not been encumbered.
- Ann Walsh stated the substitute budget line was great. Ann asked why the special education services line dropped.
 - Michael Tursi replied that the school was able to provide in-house student services.
 - Ann Walsh asked if there was going to be an after school program at high school.
 - Scott Currier explained that it will be a Title 1 program using Title 1 money.
 - Ann Walsh asked if the school may have any money left over in the fuel and electricity line because the weather has been warmer than usual.
 - Michael Tursi asked if the fuel was topped off at the end of this past school year. There may be money left over in the grounds care line as well.
 - Nathan Castle replied that there may be money left over in the fuel line and the fuel was topped off at the end of school.
 - Ann Walsh asked if the school will receive all the Medicaid money, \$80,000.00, budgeted, \$45,407.92 has been claimed for this reporting period.
 - Nathan Castle stated he would get back to the board with more answers.
 - Ann Walsh stated to the board to keep an eye on the revenue and be careful not to overspend.
 - ♦ Paul Steer made the motion to accept the treasures report. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks –yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes (5-0-0)

Lunch Prices:

- ♦ Nathan Castle explained to the board that the school lunch prices must be raised. Every year school districts need to adjust the average daily lunch prices to balance with the free and reduced rate minus the paid reimbursement rate. Nathan suggests a raise of ten cents.
 - Paul Steer mentioned that the lunches went up in price ten cents last year.
 - Douglas Shute asked if the school would lose money if they did not raise the price thirty-two cents.
 - Nathan Castle replied that the school did raise the prices ten cents last year. The raise is capped at ten cents, so the school will not lose money. The increase will start at the beginning of the next school year.
 - Paul Steer would like the public to know why the prices are being raised and what the procedure is for raising the prices. Paul Steer is worried there may be some public backlash.
 - Nathan Castle included the reasons and how the pricing is determined. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact Christina Herzog at cherzog@doe.in.gov.

- ♦ Tim Long made the motion to raise the school lunch prices ten cents. Paul Steer seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes (5-0-0)

School Board Business:

2016-2017 school calendar:

- Ann Walsh asked why there is one more teacher workshop day.
 - Michael Tursi explained the extra day will be used so the teachers can collaborate with each other. The whole day will be used instead of trying to chop up weeks; there is not a lot of wiggle room to make many adjustments.
 - ♦ Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. Tim Long seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes (5-0-0)
 - Stefanie Berry asked about Instruction Days and if the school was incorporating the instructional days into the school year.

◦ Michael Tursi answered that at this time the school is not providing instructional days and would get back to her with more information.

Committee/Board member reports:

Facilities:

◆ Paul Steer explained putting together a committee to draft a 5- year analysis plan. The roof and mortar needs to be fixed. The committee is looking to find money in the budget for the replacement of the oil tanks.

◦ Ann Walsh asked how a 5-year plan will work when maintenance needs to be done every year.

• Michael Tursi responded that he wanted to get the public involved with strategic planning and future planning for the school. Also, work with the town planning board. The next meeting of the planning board is on March 22, 2016 at 6:30pm at the town hall.

◦ Douglas Shute stated in 2020 the last bond will run out.

◆ Douglas Shute stated he signed the contract for the new school bus and it has arrived.

• Michael Tursi added that the bus can accommodate all students.

◆ Douglas Shute welcomed the new school board members who were seated in the audience.

Visitor/public comment:

Stefanie Berry discussed the results of the votes for the school mascot. The Rams ~ 140
The Eagles ~ 140.

• Michael Tursi stated he spoke with Mr. Kilmister and they decided Student Council should make the decision on which mascot to use.

• Ann Walsh asked if student council were having meetings.

◦ Stefanie Berry replied yes, and stated the students were discussing recess issues and working in the community.

◆ Ann Walsh and the board thanked Tim Long for his service as a school board member.

◆ Brandy Banks made the motion to enter the nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-311 a,b,c,d Tim Long seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh –yes (5-0-0)

◆ Brandy Banks made the motion to adjourn the public session of the Milton School Board meeting at 8:06pm. Tim Long seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Collins
Milton School Board Secretary