

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Community Room Nute High School & Library
Public Session**

Milton School Board:

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

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle – Business Administrator,
Caroline Roberge – Assistant Principal of Nute Middle/High School,
Aaron Bronson – Principal of Nute Middle/High School, Bob Adams – Facilities Director

Visitors:

Timothy Long, Brian Contorchick, Samantha Ratacik

Ann Walsh called this meeting to order at 6:01pm. Caroline Roberge led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public/Visitors Comments:

No comments/questions

Minutes of last meeting, February 11, 2015:

Paul Steer made the motion to approve the public minutes as amended and the nonpublic minutes as written. Brandy Banks seconded Mr. Steer's motion.

The board voted on this motion as follows: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Administration:

Financial Reports:

Monthly Expense Report through February 28, 2015:

- Special Education Transportation: Amount is correct unless something unexpected arises.
- All controllable items have been encumbered.

Monthly Revenue Report through February 28, 2015:

- Medicaid reimbursements: this line may run over the anticipated amount.

Monthly Grant Overview Report through February 28, 2015:

No comments/questions

Monthly Treasurer's Report for December 2014:

Brandy Banks made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2014.

Paul Steer seconded Mrs. Bank's motion. The board voted as follows on this motion:

Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Cash Reconciliation of the General Fund for December 2014:

No comments/questions

Café Services Financial Statements through January 31, 2015:

- Sales of adult lunches have increased.

Letter from Mrs. Tammy McKay:

- Mrs. McKay donated her Lessing Piano to the Nute High School Music Department.
- Old piano is beyond repair.

Douglas Shute made the motion to dispose of the old piano. Brandy Banks seconded Mr. Shute's motion. The board voted on Mr. Shute's motion as follows: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Other Financial Information:

- The audits are almost completed. The SAU should receive the audits next week.
- All audits are up-to-date.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Tursi offered his congratulations to the board members on the outcome of Tuesday's election.

Snow Removal Update:

- ❖ Saturday, February 25, 2015, D.R. Jones Company with a staff of 8 plus Mr. Adams and his staff worked on removing snow from various sections on the Milton school's roofs.
- ❖ After February 25th, Mr. Adams and his staff continued to remove snow from the school's roofs.
- ❖ No roof leaks have occurred.
- ❖ Snow also needed to be removed from areas close to the school buildings.
- ❖ The cost outsourcing with the D.R. Jones Company was \$3640.00. (\$500.00 over budget)
- ❖ The board should anticipate the cost of needing funds for snow removal from the school's roofs on an annual basis.

Douglas Shute made a motion to approve \$500.00 spent on snow removal from the school's roofs.

Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted as follows on Mr. Shute's motion: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

N.H. Department of Education quarterly meeting:

- ❖ This meeting was attended by Mr. Tursi.
- ❖ There was a presentation by a principal and his staff.
- ❖ It took the school eight years to arrive at current levels of Competency Based Education at the Elementary level.
- ❖ Districts participating in PACE are: Amherst, Rochester and the Sanborn Regional.
- ❖ PACE is an option but does not take the place of Smarter Balance testing.

- ❖ PACE is approved for the three trial districts. These districts have received a waiver exempting them from Smarter Balance testing in certain grades.
- ❖ PACE is a performance assessment. It allows student to demonstrate their knowledge in ways other than paper and pencil or computer testing.

Milton Matters update:

- ❖ Making Milton a healthy place for students to learn, work and play is the objective of Milton Matters.
- ❖ Concern was voiced for:
 - ✓ Need for a recreational center
 - ✓ Develop a trail system
 - ✓ Need for sidewalks
 - ✓ Playground needs updating
 - ✓ Afterschool and summer planning discussed
 - ✓ Next steps: what can be accomplished in a timely manner
 - ✓ Nest event will be a cookie/tea type of event
 - ✓ N.H. Listens facilitates
 - ✓ All money is from grants

School Board Business:

Program of Studies for 2015/2016:

- ❖ Psychology, Literature & Composition plus Calculus are the AP Courses to be offered.
- ❖ AP courses in Rochester will partner to offer AP courses not available at Nute High School.
- ❖ Rochester will try to offer the AP courses the first period of the day.
- ❖ Nute’s AP students will be bussed to and from Rochester.
- ❖ Discussion of non-AP courses to be offered in 2015/2016.
- ❖ Courses that offered dual credit for students were mentioned. These courses offer high school and college credit. There will possible be a fee for the college credit.
- ❖ Humanities course to be co-taught in 2015/2016 were explained.
- ❖ The co-taught Humanities course will offer the students credit in both English and Social Studies. These dual credit courses are taught in the same block of time. Example: students will rad a novel and learn what was happening in the United States and/or the world during the time period of the novel.

Brandy Banks made a motion to approve the Program of Studies for 2015/2016 (this motion includes the co-taught Humanities courses.) Paul Steer seconded the motion. The board voted to approve this motion as follows: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Old Business:

- ❖ Mr. Shute has contacted Metrocast to see about receiving a grant. (Grant would allow equipment to be installed to film the School Board Meetings at no cost to the town.)
- ❖ Mentors are provided to certified teaching staff for one year only. (Included are the guidance counselors and nurses.)

- ❖ Mr. Tursi does not receive a salary for mentoring Ms. Young.
- ❖ Additional building onto Nute H.S.: the building aid is currently on hold.
- ❖ Building aid will not be applied for in the next school year.
- ❖ Roof analysis came from the Harriman report.
- ❖ Milton town voting yesterday was positive toward the needs of Milton schools.
- ❖ Voter approved surplus money at the end of the year will go towards the Capital Reserve Fund, Special Education and a school bus.
- ❖ Ms. Roberge has been involved with the replacement of a Mathematics teacher who left.
 - ✓ Only one candidate applied for the position. This candidate was not a good match for the school.
 - ✓ Mr. Currier and the math department teachers met with Ms. Roberge on the best way to fill the vacancy.
 - ✓ Mr. Currier and Ms. Campbell volunteered to give up their Preparation period to fill in teaching the classes.
 - ✓ Ms. Roberge before becoming Assistant Principal was a math teacher. Ms. Roberge also stepped in to help and teach a math class.
 - ✓ Ms. Roberge had taught a specific level of math for ten years. Ms. Campbell would be teaching this class. Ms. Roberge volunteered all of her lesson plans and Power Point presentations to Ms. Campbell.
 - ✓ Administration is still seeking to fill this math position for the 2015/2016 school year.

Committee/Board Member Reports:

- ❖ Douglas Shute reported on Milton's Parks and Rec. department. The Parks and Rec. are doing well and moving forward on moving the fence.

Ann Walsh made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II b, c,a at 7:10pm.

Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted to enter nonpublic session as follows: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

While the board was in nonpublic session the following topics were discussed: nominations, leave requests and a resignation.

The motion to exit from nonpublic session was made by Brandy Banks. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted as follows on this motion: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Douglas Shute made the motion to adjourn for the evening at 8:25pm. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted to adjourn as follows: Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary