

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Community Room Nute High School & Library
Public Session**

Milton School Board:

Brandy Banks, Tim Long, Douglas Shute, Ann Walsh

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Mary Wilson – Curriculum Coordinator,
Anne Kebler – Student Services Director,
Caroline Roberge – Assistant Principal Nute Middle/High School,
Doug Kilmister – Principal Milton Elementary School

Visitors:

Lou Snyder, Miranda Myhre

Michael Tursi called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Doug Kilmister led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Recognition:

Emma Richards, grade 3, was introduced. Emma’s artwork was selected to be on one of the covers of the Milton School District Annual Report. Emma received a letter of Congratulations and a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.
Congratulations also to Amanda Perko, grade 9, her artwork was chosen for one of the covers. Unfortunately, Amanda could not be tonight’s meeting.

Board Re-Organization:

Chairman –

Tim Long made the motion to nominate Ann Walsh as Chairperson. Brandy Banks seconded the motion. Mr. Longs amended his motion to change his nomination to Douglas Shute as Chairman. Brandy Banks seconded this motion.

The members voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Vice Chairman –

Brandy Banks nominated Ann Walsh for the position of Vice Chairperson. Tim Long seconded this nomination.

The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Budget Committee Representative –

Brandy Banks nominated Ann Walsh for this position. Tim Long seconded this nomination. The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Tim Long nominated Brandy Banks as the Alternate Representative. Ann Walsh seconded the nomination. The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

NHSBAA Delegate –

Brandy Banks nominated Paul Steer. Ann Walsh seconded Paul’s nomination. The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Brandy Banks nominated Tim Long as the Alternate Delegate. Ann Walsh seconded the nomination. The members voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Policy Committee – (2 people)

Ann Walsh nominated Douglas Shute for the Policy Committee. Brandy Banks seconded this nomination. The members voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Ann Walsh nominated Brady Banks to the Policy Committee. Tim Long seconded this nomination. The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Professional Development Representative -

Ann Walsh nominated Tim Long for representative. Brandy Banks seconded the nomination. The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

School Site Facilities/Planning Committee – (2 people)

Ann Walsh nominated Paul Steer to this committee. Brandy Banks seconded this nomination. The members voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Ann Walsh nominated Brandy Banks to the committee. Tim Long seconded this nomination. The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Parks & Recreation –

Brandy Banks nominated Douglas Shute as the representative. Tim Long seconded this nomination. The members voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Stafford Learning Center Representative –

Ann Walsh nominated Tim Long to be the representative. Brandy Banks seconded this nomination. The members voted in favor as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Support Staff Committee – (2 people)

Brandy Banks nominated Ann Walsh to be one of the representatives. Tim Long seconded this nomination. The board voted to approve as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Ann Walsh nominated Brandy Banks to be a member on this committee. Tim Long seconded this nomination. The board voted its approval as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

SAU Withdrawal Study Committee –

This committee is not necessary so it will be eliminated.

Negotiations Committee – (2 people)

Brandy Banks nominated Douglas Shute as a member of this committee. Tim Long seconded the nomination. The board voted as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Brandy Banks nominated Ann Walsh as a member of this committee. Tim Long seconded the nomination. The board voted to approve as follows: Banks – yes, Long – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Minutes of last meeting - March 11, 2015:

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the public minutes of March 11th as amended. Brandy Banks seconded for discussion. The board voted on the motion as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – abstain, Walsh – yes. (3 – 0 – 1)

The nonpublic minutes of March 11, 2015 will be discussed during the nonpublic session.

Administration:

Curriculum Coordinator’s Report –

Mary Wilson reviewed the report she provided to the board. Highlights of the report included:

- Three weeks this summer have been designated for curriculum work.
- Mrs. Wilson gave a presentation at the Focus and Priority Quarterly Meeting.
- Supports continue to be offered to teachers and school test coordinators on Smarter Balanced Assessments.
- Swift adoption vote successful with 80% of the staff voting in favors of the SWIFT supports.
- Ann Walsh asked for a copy of the Swift Power Point presentation.
- The cost of the summer work will be covered under a grant.

Student Services Report –

Anne Kebler reviewed the report she supplied to the board members. Highlights of the report included:

- Special Education teachers participated in the 2nd of 3 Special Education Retreats. “This session focused on developing protocols and tools to facilitate quality communication during consultations, parent meeting and teacher collaboration.”

- Special Education teams continued to work on actions plans that included “working together to develop common accommodations and modifications teachers can make in order to allow all students including students with disabilities realize success within the regular classroom setting...”
- Teachers worked on modifications for the Smarter Balanced Testing.
- Placements were noted.
- There will be a presentation by teachers of the seminar they attended in Vermont.

Principal’s Report –

Doug Kilmister discussed events at the Milton Elementary School.

- Spring Learning Fair
 - ✓ To be held on Thursday, May 21st.
- Update on SWIFT Partnership
 - ✓ The MES faculty and instructional staff voted to establish a partnership with SWIFT.
 - ✓ Maua Hart from SWIFT will be joining the MES CIA Team Leaders.
- Smarter Balanced Assessment
 - ✓ Beginning on Monday, March 30th the students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the assessments in English Language Arts and mathematics.
- Community Gatherings
 - ✓ March 18th and March 19 the MES students and staff participated in the first monthly gathering.
 - ✓ “Community gatherings provide an opportunity for the whole school to come together for a half hour each month to celebrate learning, develop audience skills, build community and school pride across the grade-levels.”
 - ✓ “The gathering has five parts: the Pledge, a greeting, a sharing, an activity, and a written message.”
- MES Calendar for March 23rd through May 1st was included.

Ms. Roberge discussed Aaron Bronson report for Nute Middle and High Schools.

- Art Room – back in use
- Spring Testing began on March 10th.
- Spring Sports – students are currently practicing in the gymnasium.
- *Box Tops for Education* fundraiser has begun.
- Dover Adult Learning Class began at Nute on March 17 for 10 weeks. This is an alternative pathway for students to earn credit towards graduation.
- PAR Board Visit: Nute has received initial feedback for the Peer Assessment Review (Performing Assessment Review). The review included positive comments as well as additional opportunities.
- Smarter Balanced Assessments: Performance Class Activity began today in grade 6.

Superintendent’s Report:

- The next Milton Matters Community Conversation will be on April 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

- The Pittsfield school district is similar to Milton's. Mr. Tursi spoke with the superintendent regarding a proposed budget for Milton after the SAU withdrawal.

School Board Business:

2015/2016 School Calendar

- The calendar was sent to the associations and school principals for feedback.
- Current calendar is based upon their input.
- Mr. Long has heard from some Milton residents. They would like to use Nute as a polling site. During elections students could have the day off. Teachers could have a teacher workshop day. Current polling site had a space issue at the last election. This suggestion will be placed on an upcoming agenda.

Old Business:

- Metrocast – Mr. Tursi will look into the duration of the contract with Metrocast. It was asked to have this placed on the next agenda.

Committee/Board Member Reports:

- Am Walsh informed the board of the new Milton Budget Committee members.
- According to Douglas Shute the Parks and Rec. Committee is meeting this evening.

Brandy Banks made a motion for the board to enter the Nonpublic Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II a, b at 6:43 p.m. Tim Long seconded this motion. The board voted as follows on this motion: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

While the board was in nonpublic session the following were discussed:

- Nonpublic minutes of March 11th
- Resignations
- Nominations

Brandy Banks made the motion to adjourn from nonpublic session at 6:58 p.m. Tim Long seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Public Session resumed.

The board members reviewed and signed the MS-22 and had a brief discussion of the manifest.

Tim Long made the motion to adjourn for the evening at 7:08 p.m. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted to adjourn as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Walsh – yes. (4 – 0 – 0)

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary