

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT#64
MILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2014**

Public Minutes

Call To Order/Flag Salute

Superintendent Michael Tursi called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Present were board members Douglas Shute, Paul Steer, Andy Crone, Ann Walsh, and Brandy Banks. Also present were Superintendent Michael Tursi, Business Administrator Andrew D'Agostino, Student Services Director Anne Kebler, Curriculum Coordinator Mary Wilson, Principals Doug Kilmister and Aaron Bronson, Randy Myhre, Kelly Eaves and Dan Bisson.

Doug Shute led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Tursi said that the first order of business that evening was reorganization of the board and asked for nominations for the chair position.

Andy Crone moved to nominate Doug Shute as chair. There was no second.

Brandy Banks moved, second by Paul Steer, to nominate Ann Walsh as chair. The vote was 2-2-1. The motion failed.

There were no other nominations for the chair position. Brandy Banks moved, second by Paul Steer, to nominate Andy Crone as vice-chair of the school board. All were in favor and the motion passed

There was a discussion on the procedure of nominating and voting for the chair position. It was determined after reviewing Roberts Rules that a person being nominated need not abstain from the vote.

Brandy Banks moved, second by Paul Steer, to nominate Ann Walsh as chair of the school board. The vote was 3-2-0. The motion passed.

Andy Crone moved, second by Doug Shute, to nominate Paul Steer as budget committee representative. Paul Steer declined the position.

Brandy Banks moved, second by Andy Crone, to nominate Ann Walsh as budget committee representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Crone moved, second by Paul Steer, to nominate Doug Shute as the alternate budget committee representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Crone moved, second by Doug Shute, to nominate Paul Steer as the NHSBA Representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Crone moved, second by Brandy Banks, to nominate Ann Walsh as the professional development committee representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Crone moved, second by Paul Steer, to nominate Doug Shute as the Parks and Recreation liaison. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ann Walsh moved, second by Brandy Banks, to nominate Andy Crone as the SLC representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Crone moved, second by Paul Steer, to nominate Doug Shute as the alternate NHSBA representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ann Walsh moved, second by Paul Steer, to nominate Brandy Banks as a policy committee representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Ann Walsh moved, second by Brandy Banks, to nominate Andy Crone as a facilities representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Andy Crone moved, second by Brandy Banks, to nominate Paul Steer as a support staff representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ann Walsh moved, second by Andy Crone, to nominate Brandy Banks as a support staff representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Brandy Banks moved, second by Andy Crone, to nominate Ann Walsh as a SAU withdrawal representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ann Walsh moved, second by Andy Crone, to nominate Brandy Banks, as a SAU withdrawal representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Doug Shute moved, second by Brandy Banks, to nominate Andy Crone as a teacher negotiation representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Brandy Banks moved, second by Paul Steer, to nominate Ann Walsh as a teacher negotiation representative. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comments/Visitors

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Doug Shute moved, second by Andy Crone, to approve both the public and non-public minutes of March 12, 2014 with the following corrections:

On page 1 of the public minutes, 3rd paragraph of public comment, the word "butter" was changed to "better"; on page 2 of the public minutes, under Committee/Board Member Reports, the word "input" was added to the first sentence after "community"; on page 2 under Superintendent's report, it was added that Mr. Tursi does have another meeting scheduled with Farmington superintendent Welford; on page 3 of the public minutes right before nonpublic session the sentence was changed to say "Luella Snyder made"

The vote was 3-0-2 with Banks and Steer abstaining. The motion passed.

The board reviewed the nonpublic minutes of February 12, 2014. Mr. Tursi clarified that Karen Johnson was approved for an after-school substitute teacher nomination at \$20/hour.

Andy Crone moved, second by Doug Shute, to approve the nonpublic minutes of February 12, 2014. The vote was 3-0-2 with Banks and Steer abstaining.

Harriman Proposals

Superintendent Tursi said that in response to the board's direction to look at the different options of the future of Nute, he had contacted Dan Bisson of the Harriman Group to do an architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire protection analysis of the systems at Nute. After being introduced, Mr. Bisson spoke about his proposals to the board. If approved by the board the Harriman Group would come in and do a complete analysis of Nute and provide the school district a report with documented information and recommendations. The cost of a facilities analysis would be \$29,000.

Mr. Bisson also submitted a proposal for a program analysis. The scope of work would include verification of present space use, comparing present space usage with educational rules and guidelines, and determining student classroom capacity. The cost of this analysis would be an additional \$8,000.

Mr. Bisson said that he left reports that had been prepared for other communities at the SAU office. Chair Walsh asked that the other board members stop by and look at those reports. The board will continue this conversation at the next board meeting.

Administration

Mary Wilson reviewed the curriculum coordinator's reports. She reviewed the list of textbooks that need to be replaced in the future and asked the board if they would like to look at a 7-year replacement schedule. After discussion it was decided that the curriculum work needs to be completed. The district can then determine if new text books need to be purchased. Mr. Tursi reminded the board that there are several online options that are available to teachers and students to use. The question of a replacement cycle will go to the policy committee.

The board then reviewed the NECAP test scores. Scores are still below the state average. Mr. Tursi assured the board that constant conversations were taken place within all the schools on how to improve instruction and learning within our schools.

Mary also told the board that she has applied for the 21st Century Grant again this year. If we receive this grant we will be able to build upon our after school program.

Ann Kebler then reviewed the student services report with the board.

Principal Kilmister informed the board about the Centennial Celebration scheduled for May 8th. Third grade students will be sharing research on Milton history and presenting a play. Mr. Kilmister also discussed the Responsive Classroom as a school-wide approach to behavior management. He also updated the board on the after-school program.

Mr. Bronson reviewed his report with the board. He spoke about the upcoming course registrations for next year, about the winter athletic programs, and the after-school program. He also mentioned that the Milton Free Public Library has arranged for published writer, Alexander Danner to come and spend the day at the school with the students.

Moderator Chris Jacobs joined the meeting. He told the board that we needed to unseal the 2014 ballot box and recount the write-in votes for the school district clerk position. The board did the recount with the following results: Brandy Banks – 7 votes, Michelle Beauchamp – 4 votes, and Luella Snyder – votes. Brandy Banks is unable to fill the position and Michelle Beauchamp declined. The board will contact Luella Snyder to see if she is interested. If she is not then the job will be posted.

Correspondence

The New Hampshire School Board Association will be holding their new board member workshops at the end of April. These workshops are for both new and old board members. Mr. Tursi asked everyone to let him know if they were planning on going.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Tursi reported that he is waiting for Superintendent Welford in Farmington to reschedule their last meeting.

Mr. Tursi asked the board to consider an adjustment to the 2014 School District Calendar. He asked the board to change the teacher's workshop day scheduled for May 9th to a regular school day for students and to reschedule the workshop day for June 23rd. This is due to the amount of snow days. Graduation is currently scheduled for June 13, 2014.

Andy Crone moved, second by Brandy Banks, to approve the change. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Old Business

Ann Walsh asked about the Café Service Contract. Andrew responded that it was still being drafted.

Ann also if anyone has answered the ad for the open secretary position. Mr. Tursi said that no one has applied.

Committee/Board Member Reports

Doug Shute reported that he had attended a Parks and Recreation meeting. They are looking at the ways they track expenditures and revenues.

Andy asked Mr. Tursi to contact SLC and ask them to give more notice for their meetings.

School Board Business

Superintendent Tursi reviewed a request sent in by Howie Drolet to purchase championship volleyball jackets for the high school girl's volleyball team.

After discussion, Brandy Banks moved, second by Andy Crone, to approve the expenditure of \$500 towards the championship jackets. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Nonpublic Session

Brandy moved, second by Andy Crone, to go into nonpublic session at 8:12PM under RSA:91-A: 3 II (b), (c). The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Crone, yes; Steer, yes; Shute, yes; Banks, yes.

While in nonpublic session the board approved the following nominations:

Scott Currier as middle school baseball coach

Patrice Comeau as long term substitute at Nute

The superintendent also informed the board of a personnel issue.

Andy Crone moved, second by Brandy Banks, to come out of nonpublic session at 8:20PM. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; Banks, yes; Crone, yes; Steer, yes; Shute, yes.

The board reviewed meeting dates and decided to cancel the meeting during April vacation week. A meeting may be called after the joint board meeting if one is necessary.

Andy Crone moved, second by Brandy Banks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26PM. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Walsh
Secretary Pro Tem

Minutes are a draft until approved.

Approved on: _____