

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting and Public Hearing
Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Community Room Nute High School & Library
Public Session**

Milton School Board Members:

Douglas Shute – Chairman, Brandy Banks, Tim Long, Paul Steer, Ann Walsh

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Scott Currier – Principal of Nute Middle/High School, Doug Kilmister – Principal of Milton Elementary School, Mary Wilson – Curriculum Coordinator, Anne Kebler – Student Services Administrator, Nathan Castle – Business Administrator, Bob Adams – Facilities Manager

Visitors:

Lue Snyder, Caroline Butler, John Forcier, Miranda Myhre, Kelly Eaves, Stefanie Berry

Douglas Shute called this meeting to order at 6:00pm. Mary Wilson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing to consider expending funds from the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund.

- ❖ There is an underground storage tank that requires removal.
- ❖ Upon removal a soil analysis must be done.
- ❖ The cost of the tank removal and soil analysis would be \$8,478.00.
- ❖ November 6, 2015 is the date slated to remove the tank.
- ❖ Upon no further information/comments, the Public Hearing closed.

Brandy Banks made the motion to request \$8,478 from the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of the underground tank removal and soil analysis. Tim Long seconded this motion. The Milton School Board voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Public Comments/Visitors:

Caroline Butler and John Forcier – Library Trustees

- ❖ There was a Warrant Article for \$5000 requesting new media for the Nute High School Library.
- ❖ Last year the Warrant Article was not on the ballot for the voters.
- ❖ The Library Trustees would like to have the school board reconsider having the Warrant Article.
- ❖ The official name of the library is Nute High School and Library.
- ❖ The library was incorporated in the New Hampshire State Legislature not in Strafford County.

- ❖ The 100th Anniversary of Nute High School was held in 1991.
- ❖ The absence of the 1959 Dedication Plaque was noticed and Caroline Butler asked if it could be located. Mr. Forcier said he would like to assist in locating the missing plaque.
- ❖ Caroline Butler informed everyone that the time capsule that was placed at the time the 1959 wing was dedicated; has been located.
- ❖ Some of the items from the time capsule were shared.
- ❖ Bob Adams, Facilities Manager, is looking to locate the 1959 Dedication Plaque.
- ❖ Current school budget contain \$5000 for new media for the library.
- ❖ The library is fairly full but the librarians are still cycling through the media to remove out-of-date materials.
- ❖ Technically the Nute High School and Library is a private library; but in the will it is listed as a free public library. The library is privately funded through a trust.
- ❖ The free Milton Library is located in Milton Mills.

Additional Public Comments

- ❖ Stefanie Berry noted a correction to be made in the last meeting's public minutes.

Minutes of last meeting – October 14, 2015:

Public Minutes –

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the public minutes of October 14, 2015 as amended. Tim Long seconded this motion. The board voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Nonpublic Minutes –

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the nonpublic minutes of October 14, 2015 as amended. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted its approval as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Douglas Shute wished to inform everyone that he called Community Partners and spoke with Lucy Putnam. Ms. Putnam is putting together information for Mr. Shute. Ms. Putnam also told Douglas Shute that he could call regarding question or information, Mr. Shute could come to the office and speak with her.

Superintendent's Report:

- ❖ Superintendent Tursi and Mary Wilson attended a New Hampshire School Administrators Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Conference in Concord last Thursday and Friday.
- ❖ Dr. Ken O'Connor, known as the grading doctor, spoke on the grading practices especially around competency based grading.
- ❖ The Sau offices are working on finalizing budgets for Wakefield School District budget.
- ❖ The SAU Budget goes to the joint board for tomorrow evening.
- ❖ Milton School Board will be presented with their proposed budget next Thursday, Nov. 5th.
- ❖ Auditors are at the SAU looking at both districts as well as the SAU.

- ❖ Last Monday in Unity, the State Board approved Wakefield's SAU Withdrawal Plan. Now the plan will go before the Wakefield voters in March.
- ❖ The Smarter Balanced Testing results will be released to the public the second week in November. Currently the teachers have a very preliminary set of results.

Administration:

Curriculum Coordinator's Report

- ❖ October 9th the Milton teachers continued to work on curriculum. Some teachers attended the NEANH Conference in Bow.
- ❖ Mary Wilson plus the MES assistant principal and one of the members of the CIA (Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Team, attended a two-day training on instructional coaching. Hope to develop pilot coaching this year. Plus use "train-the-trainer model to build the in-house capacity for embedded professional development."
- ❖ "The North West Evaluation Association's (NWEA) Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) fall testing will be completed by October 31st."
- ❖ PLC's and CPT's are being trained to read the assessment data in order to use the data to help tailor the instructions on the skills each student needs.

Mr. Shute asked a question on President Obama's statement regarding the number of standardized tests students receive. Superintendent Tursi responded that they are and have been looking into the number of standardized tests and will be attempting to reduce their number.

Student Service Report

- ❖ The New Hampshire Board of Education was here yesterday and reviewed files for IEP compliance.
- ❖ The N.H. Board of Ed. looks to see that its recommendations have been placed into practice.
- ❖ The new coordinator in Milton did a fantastic job.
- ❖ The board was informed of the duties of an ABA Tutor and how they differ from the duties of a paraprofessional.
- ❖ Anne Kebler included in the board meeting package, the responsibilities of an ABA Tutor.
- ❖ This is the first ABA Tutor employed in Milton. (Wakefield has two ABA Tutor's this year.)

Principal's Report

Scott Currier

- ❖ On October 8th Dr. Malcolm Smith spoke to students regarding the effects of bullying and teaching empathy.
 - ✓ Dr. Smith gave two one hour presentations.
 - ✓ Spoke with both middle School and high school students.
 - ✓ Students had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Smith on his presentation topics.
 - ✓ Dr. Smith met with teachers from the Universal Team to discuss how to guide the conversation with students and resources available to support their work.
- ❖ "On October 9th a group of students met with NHIAA representatives to begin implementation of the Life of an Athlete program at Nute."

- ❖ The Life of an Athlete program was created to help promote student athletes making healthy choices concerning drugs, alcohol and tobacco products.
- ❖ Students in the Life of an Athlete program are used as role models for other students.
- ❖ October 10 to October 30th the Nute Middle High School Universal team is leading a campaign for students to earn activity opportunities for exhibiting positive behavior within the school day.
- ❖ Nov. 7th will have two teachers going to the Naval Shipyard under the guidance of Paul Steer for training in the Sea Perch program.
- ❖ The National Honor Society inducted twelve new students on October 22nd.
- ❖ Middle school students are working on completing their fall NWEA testing. It is anticipated testing will be completed by October 29, 2015.
- ❖ A list of the upcoming events was included for the board members.

Doug Kilmister

- ❖ Two versions of the California School Climate Survey were administered. One survey for parents and one for students. Results were enclosed in the meeting package each board member received.
- ❖ 54 people responded to the survey.
- ❖ The board discussed the results and how some of the questions could be either broken into multiple questions or made more specific.
- ❖ It was suggested holding a public forum so members of the community could discuss the survey results.
- ❖ MES has had additional behavioral concerns this school year. This is being addressed by Jocelyn Young, Al Goodwin and Doug Kilmister as well as Mrs. Kebler, Mr. Tursi and Kate Salvati (from the Strafford Learning Center).
 - ✓ Some of the behavior stems from trauma children are exposed to outside of school.
 - ✓ Peer conflict is an issue.
 - ✓ New teachers learning classroom management skills could have an impact on behavior issues.
- ❖ There will be an off-site evacuation protocol by the entire elementary school held.
 - ✓ The drill will have all students and staff walking to the Emma Ramsey Center following a fire drill.
 - ✓ The protocol was developed by the MES Safety Team with the Milton Police and Fire departments, SAU #64 Transportation Coordinator and the staff at the Emma Ramsey Center.
 - ✓ Students, guardians and staff will be informed of the off-site drill.
- ❖ Principal Kilmister also included a list of the upcoming MES events for October/November.
- ❖ The afterschool programs began today. The program included: Life size drawing, riding a unicycle, computer coding, story/fiction writing, LEGO club, learning sign language. There is a late program bus for students.
- ❖ MES is in the process of becoming a schoolwide Title 1 school. Title 1 services will be available to all students.

School Board Business:

SLC – Counseling and Behavior Management

- ❖ Tim Long attended a SLC meeting.
- ❖ Discussion at the SLC meeting centered around community counseling in the school and behavior modification.
- ❖ Mr. Shute asked for clarification on what “SLC” meant. SLC is the **Strafford Learning Center**.

Fueling of Buses

- ❖ Buses will have to go to the depot in Rochester. Rochester is the new state location for the fuel depot.
- ❖ There will be additional costs for the bus drivers time and additional gas usage to go to the new depot.

Thank You Card

- ❖ The eighth grade class sent the Milton School Board a Thank You card. They were delighted for the school boards donation to the New York class trip.

Old Business:

SAU Withdrawal

- ❖ In the budget there are monies for the transition year. This will be discussed further during the budget sessions.

Trustee/Facilities Analysis Payment

- ❖ The bill was paid last year in the amount of \$29,000.
- ❖ The warrant article was drafted in 2010. The wording was changed to include engineering, analysis, planning and capital improvements.

School Board Salary Line

- ❖ It was asked to have Mr. Castle check to figures as that line might be incorrect.

Committee/Board Member Reports:

- ❖ Policy Committee has all policies up-to-date.
- ❖ The New Hampshire School Board Association suggests reducing the number of policies each district maintains.
- ❖ Ann Walsh is attending the town budget committee meetings. The meetings are going well.
- ❖ Mr. Shute was unable to attend the last Parks and Rec. committee meeting.
- ❖ Milton did not receive that grant to have an in-school on-duty police officer.
 - ✓ More communities applied for grant funded than there was grant money available.

Public Comments:

None

Tim Long made the motion for the school board to enter a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II a, b, c at 7:23pm. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The school board voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Nonpublic session:

While on nonpublic session the board discussed and approved the following nominations:

Karen Petelle	Sub-Coordinator
Nicole Purrington	ABA Tutor

The motion to adjourn from the nonpublic session was made by Paul Steer at 8:15pm. Tim Long seconded this motion. The board voted to approve as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Brandy Banks made the motion to adjourn tonight's school board meeting at 8:17pm. Tim Long seconded this motion. The board voted to adjourn as follows: Shute – yes, Banks – yes, Long – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (5 – 0 – 0)

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary