

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Community Room Nute High School & Library
Public Session**

Milton School Board:

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

Administration:

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

Visitors:

Lue Snyder, Kelly Eaves, Miranda Myhre, Janice Brown, Stefanie Berry

Douglas Shute called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Paul Steer led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

♦ Lue Snyder would like the salaries of a newly hired principal and/or vice-principal listed in the public minutes. She would also like to know what Jennifer Leavitt's goals and visions are as the Nute Middle/High School Assistant Principal.

Public Minutes

Tim Long made a motion to accept the Public minutes of Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Ann Walsh seconded this motion. The school board members voted as follows: Shute – yes, Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Steer-abstain, Long – yes. (4-0-1)

Nonpublic Minutes:

Ann Walsh made a motion to accept the Nonpublic minutes of Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The school board voted as follows: Shute –yes, Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Steer- abstain, Long – yes. (4-0-1)

Superintendent's Report:

♦ Michael Tursi made a presentation – Framing a District's Vision. Included in his presentation were the issues concerning the SAU #64 when he first arrived. Michael Tursi explained how he met with his staff and made a plan on how to improve the Students' learning. Michael Tursi held several community forums to receive input from Parents, staff and the community. Michael Tursi wanted to put SAU #64 on the map in a Positive way. Michael Tursi is being recognized for the positive changes happening at SAU # 64. Dr. Virginia Barry has said, "I have heard nothing but great things happening at SAU # 64."

Student Services Report:

♦ Anne Kebler discussed working with *Community Partners*. Community Partners is Milton's In-school counseling program. The initial reasons for pursuing this type of service is Community Partners provides wrap around services for children in the district who have Mental health needs that go beyond the scope of their days in school.

- Douglas Shute wanted to know how long Community Partners have been around and also insure that the school district is not duplicating services.
- Anne Kebler stated she was uncertain of when Community Partners was established.
- Janice Brown stated Sweetser covers 22 districts and wants to have services in schools instead of taking students out of the classroom. Douglas Shute stated Sweetser began in 1828 as a female orphanage/asylum in Maine. They have wrap around services. They are currently located in Portsmouth.
- Anne Kebler was not sure if Sweetser can cover the needs of Milton School District.
- Michael Tursi wants to expand Community Partners to help service all children. The school district has not signed a contract with Community Partners and they will be exploring other options.
- Anne Kebler likes the idea that Community Partners are a local service agency. They can better service students and families.
- Janice Brown wanted to know if Community Partners service children in their home. She is concerned about how many children are being serviced in one day. The maximum is 6-7 children.
- Anne Kebler stated that seven students will be seen on a weekly basis. Consultation will not take place during school hours and the services are not for students already receiving services from other sources.
- Lindsay (do not have her last name, sorry) Why are kids not receiving services who need them? Are they receiving them outside of school with Community Partners? How do they contact students and families?
- Janice Brown wanted to know why services are not being offered by three different agencies and only Community Partners at this time.
- Paul Steer asked if the administration was looking at any other agencies that can provide services for the students.
- Michael Tursi stated the administration is looking at three different agencies including Community Partners, Great Bay and Sweetser. Michael Tursi will be meeting with each of these agencies to determine which will work best with the Milton School District.
- Lindsay wanted to know if parents are allowed to ask for counseling services. And if there is a policy for implementing services.
- Anne Kebler stated that the first contact is to the parents. Staff members need permission from parents and/or guardians of the students who may need services.

Principal's Report:

◇ Doug Kilmister – Milton Elementary School Principal

- Enrollment at Milton Elementary School is currently at 276 students. The kindergarten class has 43 students in two classrooms with two more students expected next week.
- Teachers at Milton Elementary School are developing a math curriculum and mathematical practices aligned with the NH College and Career Ready Standards. They are very excited with how the students are embracing the new concepts.
- The staff is working on providing a safer recess period for all students. They are dividing the Playground into zones. Each zone will have a supervised activity with an adult in each zone.

◇ Scott Currier – Nute Middle/High School Principal

- Open house was held on September 10, 2015. The Milton PTA provided dinner for community Members. Attendees saw a 20 minute presentation from the school administration highlighting

The work that had been done over the summer at Nute. Also what the goals are and how the Staff is working together to attain these goals.

- Friends Of Nute provided tours of the school to community members and pointed out all the Work that has been done over the summer.
- On September 16, 2015, Nute Middle/High School completed a full off-site evacuation drill. It Was a joint effort of Nute Middle/High School, the Milton Police Department, the Milton Fire Department the Milton Assembly of God, and the Milton School District Transportation Department. The school received positive feedback from the Milton Police Department for Both their timeliness for completing the drill and student behavior.
- The fire drill took 28 minutes to complete with all students accounted for upon completion.

School Board Business:

◇ Douglas Shute proceeded with a second reading of Milton School Board Policy JKAA ~ Use of Child Restraints And Seclusion.

- Anne Kebler stated that the policy is almost the same from the policy last month except it shows only one procedure that is needed.
- Ann Walsh made a motion to accept the policy. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Steer – yes, Long – yes. (5-0-0)

Policies for a First Reading:

- Michael Tursi tabled policy GBED ~ Tobacco Products, E-Cigarettes and Vaping Ban/Smoke Free Workplace and suggested the policy go back to the sub-committee.
- Douglas Shute suggested that policy JICG ~ Tobacco Products, E-Cigarettes and Vaping Devices Ban is sent back to the sub-committee.
- Policy JICl ~ Dangerous Weapons On School Property needs to go back to the sub-committee Since more information has been found and will need to be added to the original policy.
- Brandy Banks made a motion to accept the first reading of the following policies:

- ◆ **EGAD – Copyright Compliance**
- ◆ **EH - Data Management**
- ◆ **EHAA – Computer Security – E-mail and Internet Communications Policy**
- ◆ **GBEBB – Employee Student Relations**
- ◆ **GBEF – School District Internet Access for Staff**
- ◆ **GBEF- R1-Employee Mobile Computing Device Agreement**
- ◆ **IMBA - Online Virtual Education**
- ◆ **JICBB - Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention**
- ◆ **JICL – School District Internet Access for Students**
- ◆ **JRA-R – Student Records and Access**
- ◆ **IJOA – Student Code of Conduct, (needs copy)**

- Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Steer – yes, Long – yes (5-0-0)

SAU Withdrawal:

No new information to discuss at this time.

Committee/ Board Member Reports:

- Douglas Shute wanted to know where the kiln is being stored.
- Michael Tursi told the board that it is currently being stored in the boiler room.

Public/Visitor Comment:

- Kelly Eaves asked about having access to the minutes of the meeting.
- Douglas Shute made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II b,c at 7:31pm
- Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Steer – yes, Long – yes (5-0-0).

During the nonpublic session nominations, the CIA Team and the student handbook were discussed.

Brandy Banks made the motion to exit the nonpublic session at 8:22pm. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Shute – yes, Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Steer –yes, Long – yes (5-0-0).

Brandy Banks made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:24pm. Paul Steer seconded this motion. The board voted as follow: Shute – yes, Walsh – yes, Banks – yes, Steer – yes, Long – yes (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Collins