

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64
MILTON AND WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICTS
JOINT BOARD MEETING @
The Paul School
Wednesday, July 31, 2013**

Public Minutes

Wakefield Board members: Bonnie Cyr, Bob Ouellette, Steve Brown, Relf Fogg, and Norma Joy

Milton Board members: Chair Doug Shute, Ann Walsh, Donna Marie Currier, Luella Snyder, and Andy Crone.

Also present: Heather Gage from NH Dept. of Education

Chair Doug Shute called the joint Meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Bob Ouellette led the pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: No Comments at this time.

Guest Speaker: Heather Gage from NH Dept. of Education Came to the meeting to speak to the board about The Common Core State Standards. The state of New Hampshire adopted the common core state standards about three years ago to help improve math and reading skills.

The board had the following questions on the Common Core State Standards:

- Relf would like to know if this has federal funding for may be a thread that would say that there is federal intrusion is that the reason why there is fear of federal intrusion because is federal funding? Heather responded that there is no federal funding tied the common core state standards. She also stated that the board does not have to adopt the Common Core State Standards, but the state is required to have standards in place.
- Doug asked how we find out where the students are at in the system. Heather responded that right now the children are tested with NECAP it in spring of 2015 we change it over to a test known as Smarter Balanced and will have assessments to monitor progress of the children. Doug also asked if they found out where the students are supposed to be, will they have to change the curriculum to where they are at. Heather replied that it depends on where you are in your district. It maybe textbooks or other online resource to make sure everything is in line.
- Steve Brown would like to know if this is a national standard and if so, please explain why the district not have to adopt the standards. Heather explained that some people would call it national standards when a group of states comes together and developed standards, but Heather would refer them to as state led standards, and just be clear that it is individual states that came together for a common purpose. The Department of Education at the federal level does require the states to have standards in place to help guide the schools. With the no Child left behind act being set in place that has to be standards in order for assessments to be developed so we know how to measure the progress of the children. Although you are not required to adopt the state standards, you will lose

federal funding if you do not participate in the statewide assessments as we have adopted the new mathematics and language arts standards based on that.

- Luella Snyder feels that the New Hampshire standards do not compared to surrounding state standards and how we know the common core is going to bring Milton and Wakefield up to the standards. Heather responded that the research and developing of the common core standards was based off of many different standards that were being use around the country and took the standards that the best results.
- Steve Brown feels that the common core teaches the children what to think rather than teaching them how to think.

Approval of the public Minutes for May 29, 2013:

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the public meeting minutes of May 29, 2013 as presented, seconded by Andy Crone and Norma Joy abstained, but all others were in favor. 9-1 Motion passed.

Financial Reports:

Expense Summary Report: No questions

SAU Revenue Summary Report: No questions

SAU Expense Variations Report: No questions

SAU Estimated Fund Balance FY 2013: No questions

Non Public Session

Ann Walsh moved, second by Andy Crone, to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), (b), and (c) At 5:44 PM with a 15 minutes recess. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; D. Currier, yes; Cry; yes, Fogg; yes, Ouellette; yes, Brown; yes, Shute; yes, Crone; yes, Joy; yes, and Snyder, yes.

Steve Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Seconded by Doug Shute - all were in favor.