

Milton-Wakefield Joint Board
11-30-16 Public Minutes
Approved

In attendance:

Milton Board: Doug Shute, Luella Snyder, Stefanie Berry, Paul Steer, Peg Hurd
Wakefield Board: Norma Joy, Bonnie Cyr, Bob Ouellette, Steve Brown and Relf Fogg
Administration: Interim Superintendent Earl Sussman, Student Services Director Anne Kebler,
and Financial Officer Nathan Castle

Members of the Public: Larry Brown, Jim Miller

Mrs. Hurd made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cyr, to approve the public minutes of 8-31-16.
(Vote 8-0)

Mr. Steer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Snyder, to approve the non-public minutes of 8-31-16. (Vote 8-0)

Financial Reports

Mr. Castle presented the expense report through November 21st. Mr. Shute asked if everything was encumbered. Mr. Castle said all that could be.

Mrs. Cyr made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hurd, to approve the treasures report of August 2015. (Vote 8-0)

School Board Business

The Transportation Director was added to the non-public agenda by consensus.

Asset Inventory-Committee Report

Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Hurd reported that they had met that morning for two and a half hours with the two Wakefield members dividing SAU assets between the districts and they are about half way through. It was determined that if there are things neither districts want for their respective SAU offices that they would have the three principals come in and see if there is anything they may be able to use in the schools. Neither district wanted the year old refrigerator. Mrs. Snyder said perhaps it could be sold. (Mr. Fogg and Mr. Brown joined the meeting at 6:22)

Financial Manager, Student Services, Superintendent Update

Mr. Sussman said the Asset Committee worked well together getting things done. He said Mrs. Nason was extraordinarily good and kind. He felt the process was moving along very well. He updated the board on the state reports concerning the results of Smarter Balanced testing. Now that there are two years to compare, those results will be coming to the separate boards. Parents will be informed first and the data will help drive instruction.

Mrs. Kebler informed the board about rumors that had been circulating. One was that she spent ninety-five percent of her time working from home and five percent of her time in the office. She

said this was impossible given the duties of her job. One, Mr. Tursi would never allow that and she takes too much pride in her work. The second rumor was that she was accused of nepotism. Her daughter, who works for a company that the district contracts with for services placed her daughter in Milton and Wakefield to supply services. She had no part of that decision and she did not employ or supervise her daughter but she did ask the company that her daughter be removed from the district.

Mrs. Kebler told the Joint Board that this year's IDEA grant is funded for two years and there will be no carry over after that. The money must be spent before the end of September 2018 or you lose it. From now on the IDEA grant will be funded for two years. She told the board that Milton will receive \$150,000 and Wakefield will receive \$130,000 and she had only put the essentials in the grant so far amounting to about \$20,000 in each grant, the Out of District Coordinator and the Court Liaison are in there. She needs the boards to help her decide what they are going to do with the positions. Mrs. Kebler handed out the ethical agreement that she had signed.

Public Comment

Mr. Larry Brown said with the 57/43 split one would think that the \$150,000 would be going to Wakefield and the \$130,000 going to Milton. Mrs. Kebler said it is driven by need.

Non-Public

Mrs. Berry made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cyr to enter non-public session pursuant to 91-A-311 c at 6:26 (Vote 10-0) Roll Call: Ouellette Aye, Cyr Aye, Joy Aye, Brown, Aye, Fogg Aye, Shute Aye, Hurd Aye, Snyder Aye, Berry Aye, Steer Aye.

During non-public the board discussed filling a position.

The board entered public again at 7:02. There was a discussion about bringing in a shredding company once or twice to shred documents at the SAU. Nathan will get a cost for this. Mr. Fogg wanted to know what line the shredding costs would come out of. Mr. Castle said, contracted services

Mrs. Berry addressed a comment that was said on camera that she felt may have been said in jest that all the expenses of disposal will be borne by Milton. Wakefield and Milton will dispose of any unwanted items using the 57/43 split and not leave it to Milton.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hurd, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10. (Vote 10-0)

Respectively submitted for approval at the next joint board meeting.

Priscilla Colbath
Secretary