

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64
MILTON AND WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICTS
JOINT BUDGET MEETING @
The SAU Office
Wednesday, October 30, 2013

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

Wakefield Board members absent: Norma Joy

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

Others present: Mr. Tursi and Andrew D'Agistino, and Ed Comeau

Chair Doug Shute called the joint Meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Brandy Banks led the pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Ed Comeau, announces that he had attended the Common Core Standards Legislative forum that took place in Concord is available for viewing at GovernmentOversite.com

Minutes of last meetings 7-31-13 & 10-1-13: Andy Crone made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 31, 2013, seconded by Ann Walsh – all were in favor. The motion passed.

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the nonpublic minutes of July 31, 2013 with the correction Of page two, seconded by Andy Crone – all were in favor. The motion passed. Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 1, 2013 with correction, seconded by Douglas Shute. The motion passed.

Doug asked the board if they would like old business put on the agenda for future meetings

Superintendent's Presentation (Framing a Vision through Systems Thinking): If you would Like to view this presentation visit www.governmentoversite.com

Douglas Shute asked the board for a vote if they would like to put old business on the agenda. Steve brown made the motion to put old business on the agenda, seconded by Relf Fogg – all were in favor. The motion passed.

Enrollment Numbers: Mr. Tursi presented the enrollment numbers as of October 1, 2013 for both schools. The NH trend for the last 2 years has seen a decrease in enrollment, but both Wakefield and Milton have seen an increase in enrollment. Douglas Shute would like to know what the ages are of the children that drop outs and what grades they drop out from. Mr. Tursi stated that the law is that a child has to be 18 years of age before they can drop out of school.

Old Business:

Next joint board meeting will be January 29, 2014 at 5:00pm location to be at the Paul school.

Steve Brown made the motion to have Heather Gage and Ann Marie Banfield come and give a Presentation on the pros and cons of the Common Core Standards, seconded for discussion by Relf Fogg.

- Ed Comeau had stated that he had spoken to both Heather Gage and Ann Marie Banfield and they are willing to come and talk about the Common Core Standards at the next joint board and would provide material to review prior to the next meeting.
- Mr. Tursi stated that he would get in contact with Heather Gage and Ann-Marie Banfield to setup a meeting.
- Steve Brown and Relf Fogg would like to make an informed decision based on all the facts presented to them about the Common Core Standards.
- Bonnie Cyr feels that this presentation should be held in work session prior to the meeting in January.
- Andy Crone feels that we really need to look at the state standards and are we preparing our children for this and that this is going to replace the “No Child Left Behind Act”. We also have to look at the fact that if we do not adopt these standards is the district going to lose funding and if that is the case then that is going to affect everything in different ways.
- Ann Walsh stated that either we are behind the Common Core now and moving forward in this direction or if we are not then we need to decide what direction this joint board is going to take.
- Luella Snyder and Douglas Shute that they had met with Virginia Berry from the DOE and Luella has voiced her opinion about wanting the best for the children in this district. In talking with Virginia Berry it was stated that NH is just adopting the basic package of the Common Core Standards. Mr. Tursi had spoken to Luella about this and reassured her that this is just a starting point and that we can build off this and raise our standards to be higher. Luella does agree with Steve as far as gathering more information about the pros and cons on the Common Core Standards.
- Bob Ouellette feels that we need this information sooner rather than later.
- Mr. Tursi would like to know soon in what direction the district will be going so he does not have teachers and administrators moving forward on curriculum development and bring it forward the board and it is voted down because it has been developed around the Common Core. If there are still some concerns then that vote needs to happen soon. Mr. Tursi would like to remind the board that if they do not adopt these standards than the children will be tested on standards that our curriculum are not developed around, so our student will be at a disadvantage when taking the Smarter Balance assessment test.
- Relf Fogg asked if VLACS was aligned with Common Core. Mr. Tursi responded that those courses are developed around the Common Core Standards.

- Bonnie feels that we need to have a show of hands to who supports moving in the direction of adopting the Common Core Standards so Mr. Tursi knows in what direction he needs to move forward in.
- Douglas Shute would like the board to vote on having a meeting with Heather Gage and Ann-Marie at the next board meeting or sooner.
- Steve Brown made the motion to have the meeting sooner, seconded by Relf Fogg for discussion.
- Ann Walsh feels that we need to give Mr. Tursi a direction to move forward on either today, tomorrow, or next week but it has to be sooner rather than later.
- Douglas Shute would like to vote on the motion that is in the table for the meeting to be sooner. Relf Fogg, Douglas Shute, and Bob Ouellette are in favor of this meeting. Luella Snyder and Andy Crone oppose, Ann Walsh, Bonnie Cyr, and Donna-Marie abstain. Steve Brown exited the room at the time of the votes being taken. The motion does not pass.
- Bonnie Cyr made the motion to see how many board members have all the information they need to be comfortable in making their decision at this point in time, seconded by Relf Fogg. Bonnie Cyr, Luella Snyder, Andy Crone, Douglas Shute, Donna-Marie Currier, Ann Walsh were in favor. Relf Fogg and Steve Brown needing more information and Bob Ouellette abstains.
- Bonnie Cyr feels that at this point in time that it is the Wakefield board that needs to have a work session and to have Mr. Tursi contact Heather and Ann-Marie to come and talk about the Common Core Standards
- Ann Walsh stated that you could read for days on the Common Core Standards and not know everything about these standards and her opinion is that this is why we have educators advising us on what direction we should be headed in.
- Douglas Shute would like to provide the Wakefield board with a copy of the Common Core Standards that he had received from attending a meeting about the Common Core Standards.

Relf Fogg informed the Milton board that Wakefield had voted not to withdraw from the SAU.

Luella Snyder asked if they were still thinking about withdrawing due to reading in the paper that Wakefield was looking to joint Rochester's SAU.

Mr. Tursi responded that this subject was put on the area board meetings agenda prior to the voted not to withdraw from SAU 64.

Financial Statement:

Douglas Shute asked if everything had been encumbered for the health insurance due to this line being over budget. Andrew replied that everything has been encumbered and the reason for it being over budget was we had some teachers take family plans and it was not budgeted for in the 2013 2014 budget.

2014-2015 budget review (Salary & Benefits - .5% incremental adjustments): This was requested by the board at the last meeting. Douglas Shute asked if the health insurance change was in this purposed budget. Mr. Tursi replied that the change was made.

Mr. Tursi stated that he feels if there is a reduction in health insurance or any other changes made in the budget it should be across the board and not just have it affect a small group and that he would like his staff grandfathered in and have any changes only apply to new staff coming in.

Ann Walsh feels that we should adjust there salaries in this year's budget to make up for the 5% reduction in the health insurance and then any future increases will be shared by the employee and the SAU.

Bonnie has asked if a committee has been formed to review the budget before next budget season to come up with some formula that will work for both districts and our SAU staff.

Douglas Shute made the motion to give a 3% raise increase across the board, seconded by Andy Crone for discussion.

Luella Snyder would like to see only a 2% increase.

Luella Snyder made the motion to amend the first motion and only give a 2% raise increase, seconded by Steve Brown for discussion. Douglas would like a vote on the amended motion.

In favor – Luella Snyder, Relf Fogg, Steve Brown

Opposed – Ann Walsh, Bonnie Cyr, Bob Ouellette, and Andy Crone

Abstained – Douglas Shute

The motion did not pass for a 2% raise increase.

The motion for a 3% raise increase is still on the table and Douglas Shute would like a vote.

In favor of this motion – Bonnie Cyr, Bob Ouellette, Relf Fogg, Andy Crone, Douglas Shute, Donna-Marie Currier, and Ann Walsh.

Opposed – Luella Snyder and Steve Brown.

The motion passed to give a 3% raise increase across the board.

Douglas Shute made the motion to approve the 2014- school year budget at \$929,110.00, seconded by Andy Crone.

In favor – Douglas Shute, Andy Crone Relf Fogg, and Ann Walsh

Opposed – Luella Snyder, Steve Brown, Bob Ouellette, Bonnie Cyr, and Donna-Marie Currier

Bonnie Cyr made the motion to rescind her vote at the last meeting of changing all of the 100% paid singles health insurance policy to be changed to 95% across the board, seconded by Ann Walsh

In favor – Andy Crone, Donna Marie Currier, Bob Ouellette.

Opposed – Douglas Shute, Steve Brown, Luella Snyder, and Relf Fogg. The motion passed.
Bonnie made the motion to approve the 2014-2015 school year budget at \$930,513.00, seconded by Ann Walsh – all were in favor – Bob Ouellette, Andy Crone, Donna-Marie Currier.
Opposed – Steve Brown, Relf Fogg, Luella Snyder, and Douglas Shute. The motion passed.

Nonpublic Session

Steve Brown moved, second by Andy Crone, to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), (b), at 9:05 PM with a 5 minutes recess. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; D. Currier, yes; Crone; yes, Snyder; yes, Shute; yes, Fogg; yes, Ouellette; yes, Brown; yes, Cyr; yes.

While in nonpublic session the following resignations were approved with regret.
Kristie Daigle as a paraprofessional

While in nonpublic session the following nomination was approved.
Anne Kebler as the Student Services Director.

Steve Brown motioned to come out of nonpublic session at 9:14pm, seconded by Andy Crone – The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; D. Currier, yes; Crone; yes, Snyder; yes, Shute; yes, Fogg; yes, Ouellette; yes, Brown; yes, Cyr; yes.

Andy Crone made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15, seconded by Relf Fogg – all were in favor. The motion passed. The roll call was as follows: Walsh, yes; D. Currier, yes; Crone; yes, Snyder; yes, Shute; yes, Fogg; yes, Ouellette; yes, Brown; yes, Cyr; yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandy Banks, Secretary

Minutes are a draft until approved.

Approved on: _____