

**School Administrative Unit #64  
Joint School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 30, 2015  
Nute High School Library & Community Room  
Public Session**

**Milton School Board:**

Tim Long – Chairman, Brandy Banks, Douglas Shute (arrived @ 6:50pm), Paul Steer, Ann Walsh

**Wakefield School Board:**

Stephen Brown (arrived @ 6:05pm), Bonnie Cyr, Relf Fogg, Norma Joy, Bob Ouellette

**Administration:**

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Anne Kebler – Student Services Director

**Visitor(s):**

Jeff Berry

**Filming by:**

Priscilla Colbath with clearviewtv3.com, Ed Comeau with governmentoversite.com

**Tim Long called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Brandy Banks led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Minutes of last meeting on July 29, 2015:**

*Public Minutes:*

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the public minutes of July 29, 2015 as written. Bonnie Cyr seconded this motion. The members voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – abstain, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (8 – 0 – 1)

*Nonpublic minutes:*

Ann Walsh made the motion to approve the nonpublic minutes of July 29, 2015 as written. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – abstain, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (8 – 0 – 1)

## **Financial Reports:**

### *Expense Report through September 18, 2015:*

- ❖ Telephone and Maintenance line –
  - ✓ Monies are not fully encumbered.
  - ✓ Mr. Tursi will look into the reason the line is showing a deficit amount.

### *Revenue Report through September 18, 2015:*

- ❖ Questioned if it cost the SAU to operate in a deficit status.
  - ✓ There are not fees associated with lines showing in the deficit. The SAU front the expense, until the reimbursement arrives.
  - ✓ The reimbursement is considered revenue in the budget lines.
  - ✓ The grant money we will receive is a known amount and is guaranteed to be received.

### *Cash Reconciliation for the General Fund for July 2015:*

No comments/questions

### *Treasurer's Report for July 2015:*

- ❖ TD Bank fee is a negative \$823.79.
  - ✓ This fee will be researched.

Paul Steer made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2015. Ann Walsh seconded this motion. The board voted to approve as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (9 – 0 – 0)

## **New Business:**

### *Sale of vehicle –*

- ❖ Relf Fogg stated he feels this is an issue for the voters to decide not the board.
- ❖ Bonnie Cyr stated it would be up to the board the same as the selling of a school bus would be decided by the board.
- ❖ Stephen Brown believed the vehicle was to be kept and used by the staff at the SAU.
- ❖ Ann Walsh commented that the car was part of the operating budget. It was not purchased through a special warrant.
- ❖ The vehicle is a 2006 car.
- ❖ Staff at the SAU, when using their personal vehicle for business, are not asking for/putting in for mileage.
- ❖ The car/vehicle is considered part of the SAU assets.
- ❖ The sale of the vehicle is being tabled at this time.

### *Bids for web designer –*

- ❖ Four bids have been received for the redesigning the SAU web page.
- ❖ It has been recommended to use School Messenger at a cost of \$5,600.
- ❖ School Messenger meets all of the requirements on the RFP checklist.

- ❖ Stephen Brown state it is not worth spending the money for 1 ½ years. (1 ½ years is the length of time until a potential division in the current SAU due to pending withdrawal vote.)
- ❖ Bonnie Cyr, Ann Walsh and Paul Steer all stated the current website needs to be updated and made user friendly.
- ❖ The current website is maintained in-house.

Ann Walsh made a motion to approve the bid by School Messenger in the amount of \$5,600 for the redesign of the SAU website. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – no, Cyr – yes, Fogg – no, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (7 – 2 – 0)

(At this time the next two items were asked by Mr. Brown to be placed on the agenda; therefore Mr. Brown was asked to introduce the topics.)

*School Buses –*

- ❖ According to Stephen Brown, Milton is using Wakefield buses and Wakefield has not been reimbursed.
- ❖ Relf Fogg informed the board that he has pictures of a bus being used on the first day of school this school year.
- ❖ Mrs. Cyr asked if this occurred again after the last Wakefield School Board meeting.
- ❖ A Wakefield bus was used by Milton when one of the Milton buses broke down. Elementary students needed to get to school. Transportation used a Wakefield bus to get the Milton Elementary students to school.
- ❖ A borrowed bus is returned with a full tank of fuel as the bus had a full tank of fuel when it was loaned.
- ❖ Transportation was informed at the Wakefield meeting, the board did not wish to loan out any of their buses.

*RSA 32:8 –*

- ❖ Stephen Brown stated this is on the agenda as according to Mr. Brown, the superintendent authorized a check in violation of state law.
- ❖ Relf Fogg commented that the line item for a trailer at a cost of \$1,500 was used for another purpose.
- ❖ Superintendent Tursi informed all that a superintendent can spend within the object lines without violation of any laws. Mr. Tursi gave copies of RSA 32:3 to everyone. The line on the budget forms are functions, therefore the superintendent is within his rights to spend the money as needed.
- ❖ Bonnie Cyr questioned why this matter was not kept in Wakefield instead of being brought to the joint board.
- ❖ Mr. Brown stated he was under the opinion that the Wakefield School Board did not have jurisdiction.
- ❖ It was asked if this was a disciplinary hearing. There was no response.

- ❖ Members of the Milton board felt that this was a Wakefield issue and should not have come before the joint board.

**Public Comment:**

Priscilla Colbath –

- ✓ Mrs. Colbath stated that the entire school board sees the manifest.
- ✓ The school board members see the checks that are attached to each of the bills in the manifest.
- ✓ The school board must approve the manifest.
- ✓ With the above happening how could Mr. Tursi break any laws?
- ✓ Mr. Tursi did not send out/give out any of the checks until the majority of the school board approved the manifest.

Mr. Long –

- ✓ Asked if this matter was discussed with an attorney. Response: No

Mrs. Walsh state this is a Wakefield matter and the joint board should move forward.

Brandy Banks made the motion to enter a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A-3II a,b at 6:50pm.

Paul Steer seconded this motion.

(Douglas Shute arrived at the meeting.)

The member voted to enter a nonpublic session as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (10 – 0 – 0)

During the nonpublic session the board discussed the following a resignation, nominations and the contracts for the Superintendent and Director of Student Services.

Douglas Shute made the motion to exit the nonpublic session at 7:10pm. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board members voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (10 – 0 – 0)

**Public session resumed:**

Douglas Shute stated the Democrats and Republicans do not always get along but everyone is allowed to have their say.

Stephen Brown made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:15pm. Relf Brown seconded this motion.

The members voted to adjourn as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (10 – 0 – 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Seldin

Recording secretary