

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Emma Ramsey Building, Community Conference Room
Wednesday, January 8, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

School Board Members in Attendance:

Douglas Shute- Chairperson, Paul Steer, Peg Hurd, Melissa Brown (excused), Emily Meehan, and Tammy Crandall – Secretary

SAU Representatives:

Earl Sussman- Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle- Business Administrator of SAU #64, Bob Adams- Facilities Director, John Safina, Principal Milton Elementary School, Jan Radowicz, Principal Nute Middle High School

Public in Attendance: Travis Corriveau, Tom McDougall, Lynette McDougall, Pam Pennell, Larry Brown, John Gagner, Nancy Chisholm, Mike Chisholm, Sandra Woods, Dennis Woods, Justin Dwyer, Ray Hague, Brad Hague

Public Hearing:

1. Called to Order/ Flag Salute:
 - a. Doug called to Order at 6:02PM.
 - b. Emily led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Hearing:
 - a. The following Public Hearing was opened by Doug and read by Paul at 6:02pm:
 - On Wednesday, January 8, 2020, the Milton School Board will be holding a public hearing on the following:
 - To expend up to \$4,000 from the School District's Technology Expendable Trust Fund, for the purposes of replacing teacher laptops at Milton Elementary School.
 - To expend up to \$2,062 from the School District's Update and Improve Security Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of improving security at the Nute Middle High School & Library.
 - To accept additional unanticipated revenue up to \$2,850 from the Greater Seacoast United Way for the purpose of providing stipends and supplies to support Milton's Youth-to-Youth group.
 - To accept additional unanticipated revenue up to \$3,295 from Robotics Education Development Program grant for the purpose of providing stipends, supplies and registration costs.
 - To accept additional unanticipated revenue up to \$150,000 from the Comprehensive Support & Improvement Work Grant for the purpose of hiring consultants, purchasing intervention programs and increasing the After-School Program.
 - b. Peg- Motion to Approve all Expenditures afore-mentioned by Paul. Seconded by Emily. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
 - c. Paul- The amounts left in the Trust Fund after disbursement of the above funds is as follows: Technology = \$4,719.27; Update and Improvement Security = \$66.35

3. Public Comments/Visitors:
 - A synopsis of a 3-page document Larry wrote and discussed regarding the Milton students being tuitioned out. Pupil costs are driven by State/Federal mandate by specialized rights under an IEP, by 3rd party AP or Vocational Tuition. No district will take our students at less cost than their own. All associated costs, be it an IEP, AP or a Vocational Tech program, are a charge assigned back to Milton. The district also has close to 1,000 different vendors, including special costs (i.e., guidance, paras, speech therapies, nurse, etc.). These costs will not change when our students are being transferred to other schools. Transportation costs, if anything, will be higher, any savings will be lost, and the total miles will go up on the busses. There is a transportation circle map that was put together showing the distances to each school which was done under Gail Kushner and is available for anyone who would like to look at it. Lastly, what people call the failure of public education is the failure of this State to fund it out of general revenue.
4. Minutes of prior meetings:
 - a. 12/10/19 Public Meeting Minutes: Peg- Motion to approve the Public meeting minutes of 12/10/19 with corrections. Seconded by Emily. Vote 3/0/1 passed. Paul- Abstain. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
 - b. 12/11/19 Public Meeting Minutes: Peg- Motion to approve the Public meeting minutes of 12/11/19 with minor corrections. Seconded by Doug. Vote 3/0/1 passed. Paul- Abstain. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
 - c. 12/11/19 Non-Public Meeting Minutes: Peg- Motion to approve the Non-Public meeting minutes of 12/11/19 with minor corrections. Seconded by Emily. Vote 3/0/1 passed. Paul- Abstain. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
 - d. 12/18/19 School Warrant Article Meeting Minutes: Peg- Motion to approve the School Warrant Article Meeting minutes of 12/18/19 with minor corrections. Seconded by Emily. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
5. Superintendent's Report:
 - Went and watched the MS Boys/Girls and HS Boys basketball game just recently, there was quite the turn out from the public. The number of basketball players has gone up from last year. Al Goodwin has also resurrected the cheerleading as well.
 - Profile of a Graduate, we have approximately 15 members - our next meeting is on January 13th at 12:30pm.
 - We have contacted Jerry Gregoire from Wakefield to discuss us taking students in. They have given us 2 dates to choose from 1/22/20 or 2/4/20. We will contact them as we would like to meet on 2/4. Whatever comes out of this, it will be embedded by the committee. Paul- Motion to Approve to meet with Wakefield on February 4, 2020, to discuss taking in students to Nute Middle/High School. Seconded by Peg. Emily- Yes. Peg- Yes. Doug- Yes, and Paul- Yes.
6. Administration:
 - a. Financial Report:
 - Monthly Expense Report through December 31, 2019: Doug- On the Operating Budget we only have \$501,801.27, is there anything left that has not been encumbered? Nate- I have yet to encumber everything 100% still, the reason that dropped down so much is because we weren't able to figure out how to encumber payroll deductions. For example, the biggest expense would be the Health Insurance,

all the stuff that is paid out by us for payroll. With that being said, I haven't had a chance to check that either, I do believe that is wrong. So, I think our bottom line will go higher, more than 5%. My goal is to have it done by next Board meeting, but I can't promise anything. Peg- The only thing that I am seeing is that Health Insurance is over. Nate- The number is not accurate, still need to figure it out to make it accurate.

- Nate- Page 26 of the actuals report, under the unemployment lines, \$29,526 2900-52600 1 & 2, \$6,665 and \$10,027 respectively, are not having to be expensed this year because Primex, our unemployment/workers comp. insurance company, will be crediting us \$34,736.87. I would like to ask for \$2,640 to purchase a software update. When we purchased the new software, we they did not have a module for Student Activities, so entries have had to be done manually plus the secretaries do not have access. The \$505 of the \$2640 we were paying previously for ADS. Peg- Where else are you showing this credit from Primex? Nate- The credit will carry over to next year. Peg- Motion to Expend \$2640 for an additional module (Infinite Visions Financial Suite Additional Database (AP&GL only)) that just came out. Seconded by Paul. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes. Doug- Will we need any more modules? Nate- No, we are up to date with all of them.
 - Monthly Revenue Report through December 31, 2019: Doug- Page 36, is that the amount we have for grant money coming in, the \$5,931,000? Is that projected? We haven't collected it yet. Nate- That \$5.9m is both Operating Budget and Grants combined. Nate- The \$331,000 is the current amount that we have budgeted for, for grants.
 - Monthly Grant Overview Report through December 31, 2019: Doug- We still have not got our full money for the grants.
 - Monthly Trust Fund Balance Snapshot through October 31, 2019: Doug- Any questions? All: No.
- b. SAU Request (See Attached):
- Nate read a statement on behalf of the Administrative Team.
7. Doug- Motion to go into a 2-minute recess. Seconded by Peg. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
8. Doug- Motion to come out of 2-minute recess and return to Public session. Seconded by Peg. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
9. School Board Business:
- a. District Report Covers:
- School Board looked through artwork submitted by Milton Elementary School and Nute Middle/High School Students to vote on the best ones to be placed in the District Report (the front and back cover). Winners will be notified.
- b. NHSBA Resolutions:
- Peg- Motion to go with the New Hampshire School Board's Recommendation for the 2019 Continuing Resolutions. Seconded by Paul. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
- c. Accept Donation for Student Scholarships:
- Jan- The family of Christopher Dunton would like to set up the Charles Don Dunton Memorial Fund in the amount of \$50,000. Between \$1,500 - \$2,000 will be awarded

for those students who apply to a trade school. Paul- Motion to Accept the donation for the Christopher Don Dunton Scholarships. Seconded by Peg/Emily. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.

d. Committee to gather Information for the Transition In/Out of Milton or Area School Districts:

- Doug- Motion to accept establishing a committee to enter discussions with other school districts to determine the feasibility of our options of sending Milton Middle and/or High School students to another school district and options for receiving middle and high school students from another school district. The committee will be comprised of 2 board members, 1 current student, 1 graduated student, 2 community members, 2 parents, 2 administrators, 2 teachers and 1 support staff member; all to be appointed by the School Board. Seconded by Peg. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes. Once the committee is formed, updates will be provided and put on the Agenda every 2 weeks. Larry- My recommendation is that the committee should be under the advisement of the board. Doug- Anything will be the Committee's decision. Discussion ensued. Pam- I would like to be the voice for the community. Why are people going to Facebook and saying it falls on deaf ears? Doug- Would like people in the community that are for or against this to be a part of the committee. Lynette- Do we want people to commit now? How do we submit our name and to whom? Doug- Can submit names to Earl Sussman at the SAU (Earl.Sussman@sau64.org).

10. Old Business:

- Nate- Would like to let budget committee know that the amounts under the Warrant Articles have not changed, just the wording has slightly. Paul- We are also in the process of making a more simplified Voters Guide.

11. Committee/Board Member Reports:

- a. Facilities Committee: Paul- Have completed the specs for the MES Air Handler and are onto the next steps. The Fire Alarm Designs Process came on-sight on December 30th, next is the drafting of bid packages. Maintenance vehicle still has some problems, but we are working through them. Doug- We are not going to do the Air Handler and Fire Alarm Systems at the same time. They will be working on the Air Handler at MES while working on the Fire Alarm System at Nute so the workers will not be in each other's way.

12. Non-Public Session: Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b), (c), (i), (k).

- a. Peg- Motioned to go into non-public at 7:55PM. Seconded by Paul. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Peg- Yes. Doug- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
- b. Paul- Motioned to come out of non-public at 8:19PM. Seconded by Peg. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
- c. Paul- Motion to Seal the minutes of A.R. @ 8:20PM. Seconded by Emily. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Doug- Yes. Peg- Yes, and Emily- Yes.
- d. Paul- Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM. Seconded by Peg. Vote 4/0/0 passed. Paul- Yes. Peg- Yes. Doug- Yes and Emily- Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Crandall, Secretary
Minutes Approved: January 22, 2020