

Dummer School Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 1, 2009

Present: Board Members Julie Glover and Jennifer Miller

Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet and Business Administrator Pauline Plourde

Public: Milan Selectmen Dave Dubey (left at 6:30 pm), Mariann Letarte (left at 6:40 pm), and Paula LaBrecque

- I. **Call to Order** – Jennifer Miller called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.
- II. **Approval of April 6, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes – Motion:** Julie Glover made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Jennifer Miller. All in favor.
- III. **Public Comments** – Paula LaBrecque wanted to comment as a taxpayer that Milan made adequate yearly progress and her frustration that the local paper used one line/sentence to make the report versus reporting on the Berlin School District. She is very pleased with the Milan Village School and the effort and hard work of the principal, teachers and students. She fully supports the board and thanks them for their dedication.
- IV. **David Dubey-Dummer Selectman-Budget, SPED and Communication** – David Dubey addressed the school board on behalf of the selectmen to voice their concern over the rising cost of special education costs. As they have carefully planned their budgets, they inquired as to the worst case scenario moving forward. It was reported that these costs could possibly be in place for the next six years though there will be some relief through catastrophic aid after the costs exceed 3 ½ times the State average roughly over \$35,000 funded at 80% of costs which can be further prorated to 65%. The selectmen requested this information in order to be able to make a better informed decision using surplus to help negate the increased tax impact.  
  
He also questioned the status of the Tuition Agreement with Berlin and the ability of students to attend other schools. It was reported that the school has not received any request. In the event families move into the district, they should be directed to the SAU office.
- V. **Action on Tuition Expendable Trust – Motion:** Julie Glover made a motion to withdraw up to \$20,000 from the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund to address the potential shortfall in tuition costs; seconded by Jennifer Miller. All in favor.
- VI. **Written Communication**
  - Berlin Board Minutes – No discussion
  - Milan Board Minutes – No discussion
  - NHSBA Policy Updates – The updates do not have relevance to the district and therefore no action will be required.
  - NHSBA Board Success through Good Policy Processes at Your Fingertips – No discussion
  - Meeting Schedule for 2009-10 – Paul passed these out to the school board for their benefit.

**VII. Superintendent's Report**

- Update on Dummer Withdrawal – Paul received a call from Sarah Browning in order to be placed on the calendar for the State Board and the required documentation which will be required to present to them.
- NHSBA Updates Spring 2009 Recommendations for Review and Adoption – see section VI above.

**VIII. Business Administrator's Report**

- Monthly Financial – Pauline provided the monthly update with a possible \$18,000 deficit though she cautioned it is subject to change.
- Other – none

**IX. Principal's Report** - Awards night will be moved to 6/16/2009.

**X. Sped Directors' Report** – Jennifer questions if there any way to creatively handle the rising special education costs? Paul will speak to Steve Gordon regarding next year.

**IV. Non-Public Session** – None needed

**V. Next Meeting Monday, August 3, 2009 at 6:00p.m.**

**VI. Other** – No discussion

**VII. Adjournment – Motion:** Julie Glover made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm; seconded by Jennifer Miller. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Pauline Plourde