

Dummer School Board
August 3, 2009
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Board Members Julie Glover, Jennifer Miller, and Elizabeth Ruediger
Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, and Business Administrator Pauline Plourde

I. Call to Order - Miller called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

II. Approval of June 1, 2009 Minutes

Miller made a correction: Under Public Comment Paul Labreque should be **Paula** Labreque.

Motion made by Glover to accept minutes of June 1, 2009 as amended. Motion seconded by Ruediger. No discussion. Vote: 2-0-1 (Ruediger abstained). Motion approved.

III. Public Comments – none

IV. Written Communication –

- Berlin School Board Minutes
- Milan School Board Minutes

Miller requested copies of any changes in the Berlin and Milan student/staff handbooks. Bousquet commented having several positive communications with Corrine Cascadden, the new Superintendent for the Berlin School District.

- NHDOE SPED Designation
- NHSBA Orientation Manual for Ruediger.

V. Superintendent's Report

- Goals for School Board 2009-2010 and Review of Mission Statement

Miller stated one goal is to have policies on line. Miller asked for any comments on existing Mission Statement. Glover stated it was perfect. Ruediger commented the statement addresses the whole person. Board agreed Mission Statement was fine. Miller asked about goals for 2009-2010. Bousquet stated a top priority for school boards would be fiscal responsibility. Discussion on the number of students in Dummer ensued. Miller stated that she had a personal goal to better understand Pauline Plourde's budget printouts and the overall budget presented to voters in March. Plourde volunteered to meet to give a tutorial to the Board prior to a Board meeting.

- Milan Letter to Dummer Board

Bousquet explained the intent of the letter the board had received from the Milan School board regarding regionalization or joining the Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School District. Bousquet added that he attached the law and will follow the law exactly as printed in the proceedings. Miller stated that as a Board member, she wants to be aware of what Milan does, since they have a vested interest in whatever Milan is doing, as they educate their students at the elementary level. She stated that she wanted the townspeople of Dummer to be aware of Milan's pursuit of increasing cooperation between school districts of the Androscoggin Valley. Bousquet stated that if Dummer were involved in the discussions, Dummer

would have a greater voice into what develops. He gave examples of the level of involvement the towns of Randolph and Shelburne had in decisions prior to and after the development of the GRS Cooperative. Bousquet explained the steps that will occur now that Milan has started investigating the idea of regionalization of services and its implications.

- Formal Vote on IDEA

Motion made by Ruediger to accept the IDEA funds for 2009-2010. Motion seconded by Glover. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

- Explanation of SPED Students as requested on June 1, 2009

Bousquet reported that the two students David Dubey inquired about at the June meeting are two 15 year-old freshmen that Steve Gordon is trying to return from an out of district placement to Berlin High school.

VI. Business Administrator's Report

Plourde asked the board to not worry about costs for incoming students at this date. There will be changes until the opening day of school.

- Monthly Financial Report

Plourde explained the Monthly Financial report for the year ending June 30, 2009. The school board signed the annual State Financial Report – DOE 25 and the MS 25.

VII. Principal's Report will be mailed to Board members

VIII. Special Education Directors' Report - It was provided in packets for Board members to read.

IX. Non-Public Session – none needed

X. Next Meeting – Monday, October 6, 2009 as a joint meeting with Milan and Berlin School Boards in Berlin.

XI. Other - Opening the school year on August 26th

Bousquet invited the Board to attend breakfast in Gorham on August 26th from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. It is the opening of the school year and he will be meeting with all staff that morning.

- Next SAU meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2009.

XII. Adjournment

Motion made by Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Glover. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder for the Board