

MILAN

Minutes of School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 6:30 pm

Milan Village School, 11 Bridge Street, Milan, NH 03588-9702

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Milan Members Present:

Andrew Mullins, School Board Chairman; Jacqueline Quintal, School Board Member; Patricia Shute, School Board Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Backler, MVS Principal; Patrick Low, Superintendent, SAU-20; Malcolm Shute, Minute Taker.

Guests:

Lisa Morse

No. Subject (No. & Subject Taken from Agenda)

I. Call to Order

The School Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Approval of December 6, 2005 Minutes

Tabled until next meeting.

III. Public Comments

- Lisa Morse, second grade teacher at MVS, has two more courses to complete to receive her Master's degree. She requested completion of the required paperwork in order for her to be reimbursed for courses in February.

Motion by Patricia Shute to support the reimbursement of Lisa Morse for three credits as long as there are no requests from other students for reimbursement by March 1, 2006.

Seconded by Jacqueline Quintal

Vote: All in favor, motion passed.

- Jacqueline Quintal suggested that Professional Development funds could be used in the future before reimbursement is considered. The school board will take this under consideration.
- Lisa Morse mentioned that she did use up all of her Professional Development funds before requesting reimbursement.
- Patricia Shute, speaking as a Milan resident not a School Board member, requested approval from the school board to allow Girl Scout cookies to be sold to MVS staff and teachers beginning on January 6th.

Motion by Jacqueline Quintal to accept the request to sell Girl Scout cookies at MVS.

Seconded by Andrew Mullins.

Vote: All in favor, motion passed.

IV. Communications/Written

- A letter from Mr. Richard Sarette was read regarding the grading of Special Subjects such as art, music and physical education. He felt that before these grades are included in a student's GPA, they should be based on more objective grading rather than what he felt was the current subjective grading. The School Board discussed this letter as described below.

- A special letter, which was sent to student's homes with the recent progress reports, regarding the grade given for music was discussed, primarily to determine what criteria was used to arrive at the grades given. It was suggested that the proposal book which was given to the school board last summer by Mrs. Doucette, the music teacher, may contain this information and it was agreed that the School Board would check on this.
- It was also suggested that other teachers may have the criteria.
- Jacqueline Quintal felt that a survey of parents should be made to determine the value of grading art, music and physical education at the end of the school year.

V. Communications-Visiting Staff or Special Presenters

None.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- An administration meeting will be held tomorrow at 9:30 am at the Family Resource Center in Gorham to review a draft of the SAU-3 school calendar. The goal is to have principals and their building staff work on their calendars during January so final recommendations can be presented to the school boards no later than March. The SAU-20 and SAU-3 calendars do not have to be identical but should have some common threads.
- The end of the semester is coming up and principals and teachers have been told that students and parents of anyone who is likely to receive a failing grade must be contacted ahead of time to try to get the student's grade up to a passing level.
- At a meeting with other superintendents, it was agreed that digital cameras are preferred over the old video tape cameras. The estimated cost per digital camera was \$1,500. Perhaps this investment can be considered for next year. The Superintendent will follow-up on pricing the digital cameras.
- There is no camera on one of the buses. The other two cameras need servicing which may not be economical if the cost of repair approaches the cost of a new digital camera. The Principal pointed out that all three buses should have a camera.
- The Chairman felt that the Foreast Transportation, the bus company, needs to agree in writing what their services will be regarding the cameras. Hourly pay for servicing cameras was established at the base driver's hourly rate and the daily time for servicing all three buses will be 30-minutes.
- The Superintendent will send a memo to Foreast Transportation outlining these points.

VII. Principal's Report

The Principal's printed report, which was distributed earlier, was reviewed with the following comments:

- New bus route has started. Info was sent home in newsletter.
- Curriculum mapping consultant – Cathy Crane coming here on Wednesday of next week.
- Calendar will be started this week outlining remainder of year's effort.
- Workshop curriculum for mapping and development is in process to insure continuity of subject matter for grades K-6 from all teachers.
- Graphs for PBIS info need to show better views. Also need more incentives for good behavior. It was suggested that data from last year could be compared with data from this year in June to see if there are any trends through out the year.
- Upcoming events include Progress Reports on January 20th; PTO meeting on January 24th; and a MVS Open House on January 27th.
- The Superintendent suggested that, in the event of an emergency or bad storm, Milan students attending Berlin schools should remain at the Berlin schools until it is safe to leave.
- The MVS, which is the largest facility in the area, could be used as a refuge for people during a storm or emergency in the area.
- The Chairman said emergency generators should be considered for use by MVS and that TV/radio could be used to notify residents of a storm/emergency.

VIII. Building Report

No feedback on this subject.

IX. Transportation

No discussion.

X. AREA Agreement

The Superintendent said nothing has changed since the last report. He talked on the telephone with Sarah Browning and her assistant, Mary Mayo, at the NH DOE and they are in receipt of the Dummer/SAU-3 agreement. Sarah Browning requested to have the Milan/SAU-3 agreement faxed to Concord tomorrow. SAU-20 is on the January agenda in Concord.

XI. Budget 2006/2007

- A discussion was held regarding using a shed vs. fixed panels to protect ground equipment.

XII. Policy

- It was felt that the existing policies should remain as is.

XIII. Other

- Jacqueline Quintal requested permission for her to visit the art class and the library. It was agreed that she should contact the teachers as a courtesy.
- New grade books coming in mid January.
- Don Sugg will be gone next year. Claudia ran last month's workshop and Mike will run the next workshop. Need to discuss plans for who will continue to run the workshops after Don leaves.
- A response needs to be sent to Mr. Richard Sarette who sent the letter which was discussed at the beginning of this meeting.

XIV. Non-Public Session

Motion by Patricia Shute to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3-II at 8:00 pm.

Seconded by Jacqueline Quintal.

Vote: Roll Call Vote: Andrew Mullins-Aye, Patricia Shute-Aye, Jacqueline Quintal-Aye.

All in favor, motion passed.

XV. Next Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2006 at 6:30 pm at MVS library.

XVI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.