

Milan School Board  
April 3, 2007  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
Milan Village School Library

Present: School Board Members Kevin Evans and Patricia Shute,  
Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Special Services Co-Director Steve Gordon, Milan Village School Principal Dave Backler  
Public: Mary McLain, Stephanie Norton , Sandy Pouliot, Berlin Reporter Gail Scott

I. Call to Order

Bousquet called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Reorganization of Board – Nominations of Officers

Chairperson: Kevin Evans nominated Patricia Shute for Board Chair, Shute seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Vice Chairperson: Shute nominated Kevin Evans for vice-chair, Evans seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

The nomination of Board Secretary was tabled until the May meeting.

III. Interviews for Open Milan Board Seat

Board started the interviewing process with Mary McLain, asking her what strengths she would bring to the board. McLain explained her financial strengths and asked if the board had regularly scheduled meetings, and if there was any large issue to be aware of. Shute responded that the board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM and that with the budget approved, and the roof settlement, the board is looking for RFPs. Bousquet presented an overview of the area's educational changes that are occurring including Gorham and Berlin. McLain asked about grade level minimum expectations and advancing students to next grade level. Bousquet explained that curriculum is being aligned with grade level expectations.

Shute acknowledged that Sandy Pouliot was the chair for the SAU Withdrawal Committee. Pouliot asked if there was anything the interviewees should be aware of. Bousquet explained the budget issue that the board had been dealing with, which appears to be working out alright. Shute asked Pouliot if there would be a conflict with teaching fifth grade at a different school. Pouliot responded that she has spoken with her administrators and they support her decision.

Stephanie Norton stated that she had no ulterior motives for applying to the school board. She stated that she has a law background and has the ability to step back to make a decision and would provide a unique perspective.

Board thanked the three interviewees and stated that they had a difficult decision to make and wished they could accept all three.

**Motion made by Evans to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:311c. Motion seconded by Shute. Evans-yes, Shute-yes. Motion approved.** Board entered nonpublic session at 6:53 PM.

**Motion made by Evans to exit nonpublic session. Motion seconded by Shute. Evans-yes, Shute-yes. Motion approved.** Board exited nonpublic session at 7:00 PM.

Shute announced the board's decision to appoint Sandy Pouliot as the new Board member.

**Motion made by Evans to accept nomination of Sandy Pouliot for school board member for one year. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

Bousquet thanked all the candidates for their commitment to the community.

IV. Approval of March 6, 2007 Minutes

**Motion made by Evans to accept March 6, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

V. Public Comments

Gail Scott asked Backler about the salmon. Backler responded that only 1 fry has been lost, and traditionally there is a 10-15% mortality rate. Backler stated that they will be released in the Upper Ammonousuc in 3 weeks.

VI. Written Communication

- Berlin School Board Minutes for Board members to review

VII. Special Education Director's Report

Written report is included in the Board members' packets. Gordon discussed the need for the board to approve the IDEA Entitlement funds.

**Motion made by Evans to accept the Federal IDEA and Preschool Entitlement Funds as presented. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

Mary asked about screening children from birth to 3 years old. Gordon explained that NH Health and Human Services handles children through 3 years, then the school districts accept the costs.

VIII. Principal's Report

Written report included in the Board members' packets.

Backler explained that it is the time of the year when everything is getting done and planning for next year. He discussed field trips, programs and data collection. He explained that the goal is to have well rounded children who are ready for creative problem solving in the future. He discussed the salmon stewardship program as an example.

Backler reported that the ski program is wrapped up for the year. AMC programs are occurring with 4<sup>th</sup> graders spending the day on top of Mount Washington and 5<sup>th</sup> graders doing an overnight at Pinkham Notch.

Backler reported on PBIS and recent incentive program on good manners and self control.

Backler explained the NECAP Science test that will be completed in the spring as a pilot test. He explained that MAPS testing is done on the computers during the school year and NECAP is normally in the fall. Bousquet commented that the Commissioner of Education would like the Follow the Child initiative to incorporate MAPS and PBIS for determining student progress.

**Motion made by Evans to approve the fifth grade overnight fieldtrip at AMC on May 7, and May 8, 2007. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

IX. Superintendent's Report  
- Staff Nominations 2007-2008

**Motion made by Evans to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:311 a, b, and c. Motion seconded by Shute. Evans-yes, Shute-yes. Motion approved.** Board entered nonpublic session at 7:36 PM.

**Motion made by Evans to exit nonpublic session. Motion seconded by Shute. Evans-yes, Shute-yes. Motion approved.** Board exited nonpublic session at 7:45 PM.

**Motion made by Evans to accept nominations as presented. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

-Insurance Settlement

Bousquet discussed the possibility of receiving 40% from state for building fund and could move remaining balance to building fund. Discussion on roof and insulation.

- Other

Bousquet presented the School Board Code of Ethics for the Milan School Board to sign. He stated that it has already been adopted and will need to be signed.

Backler asked about renewal to St. Kieran's Art Center. Shute stated she hasn't received anything from them yet.

X. Business Administrator's Report

Bousquet reported that there is a \$1900.12 projected fund balance, as of the end of March.

Evans asked about students with 50% residency in Berlin and will give a name to Plourde.

Bousquet stated that there will be training in Gorham by the NHSBA on May 10, 2007 and for the board to register by email.

XI. Next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2007

XII. Adjournment

**Motion made by Evans to adjourn. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.** Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer  
Recorder for the Board