

Milan School Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Milan Village School Library

Present: Board: Patricia Shute and Sandy Pouliot

Administration: Superintendent - Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator - Pauline Plourde, Co-Director of Special Services - Steve Gordon, MVS Principal- David Backler

Public: Jacqueline Quintal and Mary McLain

- I. **Call to Order** – Patricia Shute called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
- II. **Approval of October 6, 2008 Minutes** – Tabled until the next meeting.
- III. **Public Comments** – None at this time.
- IV. **Written Communications** – Little discussion on the following items.
 - Berlin Board Minutes
 - Dummer Withdrawal Minutes and Board Minutes for 10/6/08
 - Freshpicks Café from Café Services
 - NHSBA Certificate of Membership
- V. **SPED Director's Report** - Steve brought the Board up to date on activities.
 - Lisa and Steve met with MVS staff regarding Medicaid reimbursement. He commented that it has gone very well with the decision to handle Medicaid in-house.
 - A parent workshop is currently being planned for January, March and May. It will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at St. Barnabas Church in Berlin.
 - Steve informed the Board that a high school student has dropped out of school.
- VI. **Principal's Report** – Mr. Backler read a letter he received from a parent thanking him for the after school program which has been extremely helpful.
 - 2nd meeting for Wellness Committee. One goal is to get a school board member on part of the committee.
 - Out of testing cycle and into full curriculum. Implementing new science program. Currently looking at Math programs. Curriculum and data committees are in place which has been extremely useful in looking at new programs.
 - Great Book Fair and Grandparents Day. The Open House had from 80% to 100% attendance in some classrooms. Reading and comprehension workshops for parents took place during Open House in grades Preschool to 2.
 - November 10 appreciation for veterans with a walk-a-thon.
 - Friday, three employees from the Department of Education will be visiting the school to discuss minimum standards. Errol will also be visited. This is the first time Paul can remember being visited since 1991. He believes they are interested in seeing small schools in action to get a first hand approach of challenges they face.
- VII. **Superintendent's Report** –
 - Thayer Corporation-Alternate Energy – Firm representatives will be meeting with Paul on Thursday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m.

- NHSBA Passwords (Distributed at Meeting) – These were distributed at the meeting as the password is for school board members only.
- Paul visited the school for Grandparents Day. He also met with Dave and is pleased with the way students seem to be quite happy to be at school.
- Paul discussed the joint meeting held last month and commented that in order to discuss regionalization, the inquiry must come from districts seeking to join per State Statutes.

VIII. **Business Administrator's Report**

- Financial Update – Pauline pointed out that the projected balance currently stands around \$62,000 though this number is fluid as students move in and out of the district. The fuel oil rate came in higher than budgeted though we had a credit of \$8,141 which brought the line back to the good.
- 2009-2010 Budget First Draft – The first round of the budget was discussed. Pauline pointed out the following:
 - i. Student support center is included at 60% with 40% grant funded.
 - ii. Paul has asked all his administrators to forgo a raise due to the economic times; teachers are budgeted with a 3.66% average with a 1.75% scale increase. Support staff is looking at 3.5%.
 - iii. Looking at forming an Energy Expendable Trust Fund and possibly adding funds into a Tuition Expendable Trust Fund.
 - iv. Under SPED, we have had decreases in some areas which is being shifted to other areas. Overall, SPED is currently down \$26,500.

Further detail of the budget will be brought to the next meeting.

- IX. **Non Public Session** – Sandy Pouliot made a motion to go into non public session at 7:25 pm; seconded by Patricia Shute. A roll call vote – S Pouliot – yes, P Shute – yes.

Paul brought the board up to speed on a student who is now attending the charter school. Staffing issues were also discussed. No motions were made.

Sandy Pouliot made a motion to come out of non public session at 7:35 pm; seconded by Patricia Shute. All in favor.

- X. **Next Regular Meeting**, Tuesday, December 2, 2008, MVS Library 6:30p.m.

- XI. **Other** – J Quintal asked that a second public comment be added at the end of the meeting. Paul will incorporate that change in the next agenda.

- XII. **Adjournment** – Sandy Pouliot made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.; seconded by Patricia Shute. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Pauline Plourde