

Milan School Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 6, 2009  
Berlin High School

Present:

Board members: Patricia Shute, Kevin Evans, Sandy Pouliot

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

Public: Julie Glover, Mary MacLain, Jacky Quintal, and Elizabeth Ruediger

I. Call to Order

Shute called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

II. Principal's Report

- a. NECAP testing started today; Science results show that MVS is staying right with the state in most areas except in inquiry. With the new science program in place, we are significantly ahead of the state in all areas. Backler added that the scientific method gets kids thinking, not only applies to math, but Junior Great Books, and to real life.
- b. Woods Day is on Thursday at Milan Hill State Park. Also, Milan Hill State Park Field Guide, created by MVS grade 2 and grade 6 classes, was written in an article in October 4<sup>th</sup>'s Concord Monitor.
- c. PBIS' focus is to back off prizes and to do the right thing because it is the right thing to do.
- d. Upcoming events: Book Fair, Grandparent's Day, Open House, Halloween Parade

Pouliot asked about the number of target students. Backler stated there are less than last year, although he does not have exact numbers. Backler added that the students would have the right interventions in place as needed.

Shute asked if there would be any other report that would be beneficial to both boards?

III. Special Services Director

Gordon stated he and Becky presented at the SAU Board last week. Bousquet stated that in discussing regionalization, special needs students could benefit with regionalization of services when looking at programs in place in Milan and at the Coop. Bousquet added that the discussion is occurring at administrative level meetings and the possibilities are great for efficiency. Gordon stated he and Hebert-Sweeny would be setting up meetings for life skills teachers in Berlin and in Gorham. Bousquet stated that the SAU sponsored Autism workshop will have many paraprofessionals from Berlin attending Friday's In-Service Day.

IV. Superintendent's Report

- a. Nomination of Neil Tenenbaum

(Glover and Ruediger left at 7:12 PM with Bousquet).

V. Approval of September 8 and 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Motion made by Pouliot to accept the public minutes of September 8 and 9, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.**

#### VI. Public Comments

Quintal asked Gordon for the number of out of district students. Gordon responded there are 4 out of district students.

MacLain asked about Milan's after school program. She asked if the person who runs it is an employee of the school. Backler stated parents pay her for the after school program. MacLain asked if she carries her own insurance? She is not covered since the after school program is not sponsored by the school district.

Quintal asked how many paraprofessionals were employed at MVS. Backler stated there are 3 and he is hiring one more. Plourde stated they budgeted for 4.

#### VII. School Board Action on Technology Expendable Trust Fund

Shute stated we voted on this last time, why is this coming up again?

Quintal asked why purchasing desktops, not lap tops? Backler stated desktops are sturdier for the computer lab.

#### VIII. Written Communications

- a. Berlin School Board Minutes – Pouliot asked if it is legal to charge homeschoolers for sports participation? Plourde stated the District pays tuition regular students and not for homeschoolers. Pouliot asked how the sport fee calculated for their next meeting. Evans stated that if more parents choose to homeschool, we need to be aware of additional charges. Discussion ensued on how NHIAA rules would prevent choosing a different district other than receiving district.
- b. Letter from Berlin Superintendent – about tonight's meeting
- c. Call for Resolutions NHSBA – deadline is October 23, 2009
- d. Milan Tuition Students 2009-2010  
Shute asked for any discrepancies. Board reviewed list. Shute will sign form. Plourde reported that there have been 14 changes since the beginning of the school year.
- e. SERESC Student Citation Letter – Gordon explained letter.

#### IX. Superintendent of School's Report

- a. Regionalization/Coop Discussion
- b. NHSBA Policy Update Fall 2009 – Plourde praised Bousquet in being on top of policies as they arrive.

Pouliot stated the last paragraph in BBB may be removed; BBF is all about a student member on the board and may be struck; EDCA is about electronic communication devices on buses and do we have control on this? Then we need to update the bus company on this. Plourde will share with Mike; GBEBB #12 - propping doors open to add wording "unless window in door"; IKC is not valid since we do not control high school graduation and honor rolls; JIC – student conduct, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph students with IEPS, after 10 suspensions needs to be a meeting, would recommend for all of our students who have 10 day suspensions should be for all students. Plourde stated that has to do with special ed laws. Pouliot would

like the policy for all students. Plourde suggested that it may be addressed in other policy and will look into it before final approval. Backler stated there is a policy in the MVS student manual. JLCF wellness policy states no foods or beverages as rewards. Shute recommended including words “not to exclusively use food or beverages as rewards” but to encourage the use of healthy food items for instructional purposes.

**Motion made by Pouliot to accept the first reading of the policies as amended. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.**

- c. H1N1
- d. Nomination of Neil Tenenbaum

**Motion made by Evans to accept the nomination of Neil Tenenbaum. Motion seconded by Pouliot. Discussion on terms. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.**

X. Business Administrator’s Report

- a. Financial Report

Plourde explained she has a new format for the report and should be more user friendly. She added that it may have more information than is needed. She stated that savings are from tuition, special education costs, and cost for fuel oil.

Plourde asked for questions from the board and if they liked the format. Evans asked for color on expenditure column.

- b. Other

Plourde explained that budget has been presented to principals and will be going out to staff soon.

XI. Non Public Session – none

XII. Other

Quintal asked if school calendars will coordinate with Berlin. Shute explained that Bousquet and Cascadden are working together to create one calendar for the area.

XIII. Adjournment

**Motion made by Pouliot to adjourn. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer  
Recorder for Board

