

Milan School Board  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
November 3, 2009  
Milan Village School Library

Present: Sandy Pouliot, Kevin Evans, Patricia Shute

Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde, Special Education Co Director Steven Gordon

Public: Lisa Morse, Mary MacLain, Jacky Quintal

I. Call to Order

Shute called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

II. Approval of October 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Motion made by Evans to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.**

III. Public Comment

Jacky Quintal had recommendations for the board for the FY 2011 budget.

- No raises, only steps for staff
- Close the student support center
- Given the number of students, reduce principal to part-time status – option to have a ½ time teacher ½ time principal
- Transportation costs could be reduced
- Salary for librarian and kindergarten teacher. Shouldn't she be paid less since without the librarian experience and only teacher experience?
- Preschool funding? Backler responded grant funded and if no longer grant funded, parents will pay tuition.

Mary Maclain asked David Backler if any student had ever been retained for lack of performance. Backler responded in the affirmative.

III. Written Communications

- a. Berlin School Board Minutes
- b. Berlin Daily Sun – Shute read a few positive phrases about regionalization in articles in the Sun.

IV. SPED Director's Report

Gordon asked Board for any questions regarding his written report that was included in their packets.

He presented information on the meeting held on 10/28<sup>th</sup> with special ed staff. He added that there would be a series of 9 parent workshops, which will include food, in conjunction with SAU 3. He spoke about the possibility of SAU 20 educators meeting with their SAU 3 counterparts.

Pouliot asked about Medicaid revenues to date, and Gordon stated that it is up to date.

V. Principal's Report

Backler reported that NECAP are done and routine is established; committees are working; incentive program is positive.

Flourde commended the school for Grandparents' Day.

VI. Superintendent's Report

a. Regionalization/Coop Discussion

Bousquet discussed the positive experience he had attending the work session of the Berlin City council with Corinne Cascadden. He added that Sarah Browning from Department of Education (DOE) would be available to attend a meeting in December if Board is interested.

Calendar committee met and the calendar is the same between SAU 20 (excluding Errol) and SAU 3 for next year.

Bousquet asked the Board what direction they would like to see him go in regarding a warrant article, etc. Shute stated that Berlin would need to open the conversation between the GRS co-op and the Berlin community before Milan creates a formal study committee. Pouliot stated she wants GRS co-op involved as well, but doesn't want to put it off an additional year.

Evans stated that he doesn't want one entity to believe they have the power to call all of the shots. Bousquet stated that the DOE has money and if there is an opportunity to have a change that is positive for students, then Cascadden and Bousquet are eager to apply. Bousquet added that he would be attending a meeting in Friday that will provide him with additional information. Evans stated that it is important for the Berlin Council to understand that it is about the students. Bousquet stated that he heard from the council that discussing regionalization is more about programming than money. Evans stated there has been a shift in the community, language is different, and time to look at things differently.

b. NHSBA Policy Update Fall 2009-Second Reading Adoption

Bousquet will have the updates done to the board's amendments at next meeting.

Shute recommended that the district has a policy that all billing to occur by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal year. Bousquet stated that he will write a policy for the board.

c. RSA 91-A:3 Non Public

Bousquet explained he wanted the Board to be aware of the changes and that it will be on next month's agenda.

d. Holiday Recognition Staff

Board discussed gift card to IGA and Pouliot will get information for December meeting.

## VII. Business Administrator's Report

Plourde discussed her report. She stated that there has been a lot of movement out of the district which creates a decrease in tuition.

Plourde request for transfers from the book line to the teacher support line, \$2000 from 110-6410-10 to 2210-7340-10 .

**Motion made by Pouliot to accept the transfer. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.**

Plourde reported the tax rate has reduced by \$2.06.

Plourde discussed budgets for FY 2011. Draft budget will be ready for the December meeting.

Pouliot asked about when taxes are not paid, what eventually happens? Is the cost added to the taxpayers? Plourde explained that there is money the town sets aside for abatements, foreclosures, etc.

Plourde reported a discussion with Marion Huntley on tuition for extracurricular activities for home schooled students and the tuition is based on a formula based on instructional hours.

## VIII. Public Comments

MacLain asked if school was hooked up to the internet by the new fiber optics. Backler stated that the school has T1 line.

Quintal encouraged the board to keep the conversation of regionalization in the area to keep everybody aware – by newspaper or town letter. Bousquet stated that one of his goals is to improve communication and he will send out information to newspapers on a monthly basis, similar to what he did with the building project.

Quintal expressed her pleasure with the synchronized school calendar with Berlin.

Quintal asked about the idea of students attending the community college at age 16 and if there is precedence. Bosuquet stated the problems usually occur when discussing participating in sports and graduating with their class.

## IX. Non Public Session

Motion made by Pouliot to enter Non Public Session at 7:30pm.per RSA 91 –A:311 a and c. Motion seconded by Evans. Pouliot – yes, Evans – yes, Shute – yes.

A motion was made by Sandy Pouliot to come out of nonpublic at 8:17 pm seconded by Kevin Evans. All in Favor.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Sandy Pouliot and seconded by Kevin Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. All In Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recorder for the Board