

Milan School Board
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 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, Principal David Backler

Public: Mary McLain, Jacqueline Quintal

I. Call to Order

Patricia Shute called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

II. Approval of **November 3, 2009** Meeting Minutes

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

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Written Communications

a. Berlin School Board Minutes

Patricia Shute expressed her appreciation for the letter to the editor that Paul Bousquet had written.

V. SPED Director's Report-Steve Gordon stated that the first of the parent workshops will be held with dinner included. The goal is to get more parent input on how they, staff and parents, can work together to assist the students.

VI. Principal's Report

Dave Backler reported that fall testing has been completed and the main focus at this time is on curriculum and the student's education. He has worked with others in the SAU on submitting a technology grant, for the amount of \$170,000. He expressed that though the grant money would be appreciated, the process of applying for the grant has helped to define the SAU's technology advances for the future.

October referrals increased dramatically but were back down again in November.

Kevin Evans questioned the plans to convert the math program (4th grade and below) to the same program as the 5th and 6th grades. Dave Backler noted that text book prices are reasonable this year due to the economy and that he was exploring the purchase.

VII. Superintendent's Report

a. Regionalization/Coop Discussion

Paul Bousquet informed the board that at his last meeting with Corrine Cascadden busing and ways in which the two districts can cooperate were discussed. Union

issues and pay scales were one item of interest. An example he gave, was if driver from one district was to fill in for an absent driver from another district with a different pay scale, how the pay differential would be applied.

Sandy Pouliot suggested the possibility of running two warrants on the town meeting ballot regarding regionalization with Berlin.

The schedule for the opening of the Federal Prison was discussed.

b. Calendar Adoption 2010-2011

Motion made by Sandy Pouliot to approve the calendar as proposed. Motion seconded by Kevin Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

c. Historical Enrollments

Paul Bousquet emphasized the fact that these are enrollment projections only.

d. NHSBA Policy Update Fall 2009-Second Reading Adoption

Motion made by Kevin Evans to adopt the policy updates as amended. Motion seconded by Sandy Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

e. Holiday Recognition Staff –

Gift certificates from Berlin IGA in the amount of \$15 per staff member will be provided as a holiday gift.

f. International Baccalaureate/Race to the Top/Tough Choices or Tough Times

Paul Bousquet provided the board with a summary of the information he obtained when he attended the meeting on November 30th.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

a. 2010-2011 Budget Summary

A review of the budget was conducted by Pauline Plourde

IX. Non Public Session

Motion made by Sandy Pouliot to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 (C) at 7:59 P.M. Motion seconded by Kevin Evans. Roll call vote taken; all in favor.

Motion made by Sandy Pouliot to return to public session at 8:03 P.M. Motion seconded by Kevin Evans. All in favor.

No action taken in non public. A Board member inquired about the outcome of fuel purchase for fiscal year 2009.

X. Public Comments-

Jacqueline Quintal commented positively on the possibility of cooperating with Berlin with bus transportation and in other ways. She noted how the Milan bus in route to BHS, could pick up some Berlin students.

She questioned if the Student Support Center was included in the proposed budget? Dave Backler responded that it was included at the same level as the current year. Jacqueline Quintal made the request for an open house for the public to view the new technology in the school. Dave suggested that the public be invited to this year's science fair, as it is the best time for the public to view the technology in action.

XI. Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Due to going out to bid for Health Insurance which is due January 7, 2010, the meeting was moved to Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

XII. Other – None

XIII. Adjournment – **Motion: Sandy Pouliot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.; seconded by Kevin Evans. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Carlisle