

Milan School District
Minutes of Public Hearing
May 5, 2009
Milan Village School Library

Acceptance and Use of National Forest Reserve Funds

Present: Milan School Board – Chairman Patricia Shute, Sandy Pouliot
Administration – Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde, Co-Director of Special Services Steven Gordon, MVS Principal, David Backler

I. Call to Order

Chairman Shute called the Hearing to Order at 6:32 PM.

II. Open Public Hearing

Bousquet read items for suggested use of the National Reserve Funds of \$10,164.00:

9 Mimio Interactive Whiteboards	\$699.00	\$6,291.00
9 Virtual Ink Tablets	\$349.00	\$2094.00 (3 free)
1 LCD Projector	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
9 Wireless Keyboards	\$32.85	\$ 295.65
LCD Mounts and Supplies		\$ 400.00
Shipping		\$ 111.78
	Total	\$9992.43

Backler explained reasons for the various items to the Board

III. Public Input – none

IV. Close Hearing - As there was no additional questions or discussion, Shute closed the Hearing.

V. Adjourn - Hearing adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder for the Board

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Public - Mike Fortier, Foreast Transportation (6:49 PM)

I. Call to Order - Shute called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

II. Acceptance and approval of use of National Forest Reserve Funds

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the suggested use of the National Reserve Funds as presented at the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

III. Approval of April 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

IV. Public Comments – none

V. Written Communications

Board discussed the various communications as they reviewed the information that was presented in their packet.

Bousquet shared a letter received from the Commissioner of Education granting them their waiver for the missing day due to inclement weather.

VI. SPED Director's Report

Steve Gordon discussed his report the board received in their packet. He reiterated the success of the parent information evening held in conjunction with SAU 3 and the Parent Information Center. Gordon reported on the raising of the compulsory age of education from 16 to 18 and its impact. He also spoke about ways to spend money from the stimulus package and the Medicaid money received to date. Gordon shared the success of a student who has been a residential student and is now transitioning back to a day student in Berlin. He reported on the ESY plans for four Milan students who will be working at Santa's Village with support. Also, a consultant has been working with MVS staff and Backler on behalf of a student.

VII. Principal's Report

Backler discussed his report the board received in their packet. Backler explained that the Awards Night would be changed to June 16th to avoid conflict with a Junior High School event.

Backler explained science week and additional events that are coming up for the remainder of the year.

- Emergency Response Plan: Pouliot asked about the need to support grade one students in an emergency if their teacher was in charge, and to add an additional contact person and number for transportation issues if Mike Fortier is in the school.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the first reading of the emergency response plan. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

- Student/Parent – Staff Handbook: Pouliot asked questions on bussing preschool, homework, toy policy, and progress report dates.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the first reading of the Student/Parent – Staff Handbook. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

Backler reported that he would have a nomination for the guidance position at the next meeting.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- 2009-2010 Meeting Schedule – Revised: Bousquet explained the revised schedule.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the 2009-2010 Milan Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

- NHSBA Spring 2009 Policy Changes First Reading - DIH, EEAG, EEAG-R, GBEBD, IHBAA, IHBAA-R, IKAD, IKAD-R, JICD-R, JICE-R, JICEA-R, KDC-R, JICK-R1, JICK-R2, JIH, JIH-R, JJA-R.

Bousquet explained various changes and additions he has made to the policies. Shute changed the term “president” to chair. Shute recommended eliminating JJA-R, since it is not applicable to the elementary school.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the first reading of the following NHSBA Policies as amended: DIH, EEAG, EEAG-R, GBEBD, IHBAA, IHBAA-R, IKAD, IKAD-R, JICD-R, JICE-R, JICEA-R, KDC-R, JICK-R1, JICK-R2, JIH, JIH-R. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

- Next Steps on Increasing Cooperation between Schools in the Androscoggin Valley.

Shute read aloud RSA 195:16 Enlargement of Territory. Shute explained that if Milan were interested in doing a study, then the Milan Board would need to formally ask the GRS to undertake a study. Shute suggested inviting the Berlin School Board to be part of the study, which would require they too approach the Coop to conduct the study. Pouliot will draft a letter to GRS Coop and to Berlin, emailing the letter to the SAU for input, and present at the next meeting. Board agreed to inform the Berlin City Council as well.

- Dummer Board Member Concern on Milan Mission Statement

Bousquet explained that a Dummer board member asked why the term 'academic' is not included in the Milan mission statement. Discussion on the terms used in the mission statement were viewed as accurate and adequate.

IX. Business Administrator's Report

- Current Financial Report: Plourde presented the report ending April 30, 2009, with a projected fund balance of \$301,410.14.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept a fund transfer request for \$1,000 to be made from the high school tuition line to the Charter Academy line. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

- Discussion on the food service RFP took place; the bids will be due on May 14, 2009.

Motion made by Pouliot to allow Bousquet to act on the Food Service Management bid on behalf of the best interest of the school district based on the criteria of the bid package. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

- Other: Bousquet read a letter from the insurance company, Primex, to expand coverage to cover dependents as specified in the letter. Plourde explained the tax implications of accepting the coverage. Plourde explained that Primex is a self-insured company, which is why they are not bound by this statute.

Motion made by Pouliot to table the issue until June. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.

- 2008-2009 Audit Questions: Plourde explained that they are in the second year of a three-year contract. No other questions or comments were entertained.

X. Non Public Session – none

XI. Public Comments – Bousquet deferred to Mike Fortier regarding buses and transportation.

Mike Fortier explained that he and Tim Eastman have a 5-year contract on bussing. Tim is looking to get out of the business. Fortier stated that the contract is for Foreast Transportation. Mitzi, Fortier's wife, will buy Eastman's share and is here to address the board. Fortier assured the board that nothing will change. Fortier also shared that a townsperson suggested the school was exploring the idea of doing the bus transportation themselves. Fortier wanted to see if there was any truth to the rumor. Board assured there was no foundation to the rumor.

Board and Fortier discussed emergency transportation concerns.

XII. Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 2009

XIII. Other – none discussed

XIV. Adjournment

Motion made by Pouliot to adjourn. Motion seconded by Shute. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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