

Milan School Board
Tuesday, August 11, 2009
Milan Village School Library
Minutes of Meeting

Present: School board members: Patricia Shute, Kevin Evans, Sandy Pouliot
Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde, Special Services Coordinator Steve Gordon, MVS Principal David Backler

I. Call to Order

Shute called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

II. Approval of June 2, 2009 Minutes

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the minutes of June 2, 2009 as presented. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Motion approved.

III. Written Communication

- Berlin School Board Minutes

- DES Underground Tank Report

Pouliot commented on a typo with the date – states 2005, not 2009; DES report stated there were no deficiencies found during this inspection.

- School Approval Designation – School is approved to 6/30/2010

- Resignation Letter from Elaine Perrault

- Response from Berlin Board of Education

Shute stated that she had received a response from the Berlin Board of Education. They would like to meet with Milan on September 16th or 30th in Berlin.

IV. SPED Director's Report

Gordon reported that he and Becky Sweeny-Hebert attended a law conference sponsored by special education directors association. The information presented was similar to what they had learned at a previous law conference.

Gordon reported on the summer program. Gordon stated that money spent on extended year services is money well spent.

Gordon reviewed the Medicaid revenues.

Gordon asked for any questions. Bousquet asked about the students receiving extended school year (ESY). Gordon responded that the students are special education. Bousquet stated that there has become an increase in costs in other districts with additionally referred RTI students, etc. Gordon stated that there are 3 categories of ESY – out of district placement; public schools with multiple needs; small category for

whom ESY is provided or else they won't be able to graduate. ESY meets a variety of needs for a variety of students.

VI. Principal's Report

Backler reported on the progress at the school that includes:

- meeting standards in science and will continue work on math
- designing standards based report card
- teachers are coming back into the classroom already this summer.

Bousquet stated that Backler would be heading a new SAU-wide technology committee, similar to PDC committee.

Shute asked about kindergarten size – Backler stated 13 kindergarten students are enrolled to date.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- Review of Mission Statement and Establish Goals for 2009-2010

Shute and Pouliot stated that the pursuit of the Regionalization and Cooperation Study would be their major goal.

Bousquet stated that he has spoken with the State DOE and the importance of Dummer and other districts that are interested in regionalization and cooperation of services to write their own letters of interest. Bousquet stated that he has had positive conversations with Berlin's new superintendent, Corrine Cascadden.

Discussion on how a cooperative impacts on an AREA agreement, district owned property, services, program offerings, utilization of buildings. Plourde and Bousquet discussed the laws that must be followed.

- Bousquet invited the Milan Board to Gorham for the SAU opening of school for the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday, August 26th. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM.

- Policy CM – School District Annual Report

Bousquet is requesting to share the report in September to ensure accuracy.

- Milan Policies will be on-line within a couple of weeks

- Bousquet is trying to see if paperless board meetings would be possible.

Pouliot asked about Alert Now. Bousquet stated that the announcement would be posted in the newspaper and once students enrolled, will update Alert Now.

Pouliot asked about bus routes with the closing of part of NH Route 16. Backler stated there are a few options that won't impact times.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

Plourde reported that the district is returning \$366,293.96 to reduce taxes. Bousquet asked about the tax impact reported in March. Plourde reported that it was originally estimated at a return of \$185,000, of that \$130,000 is from the closeout of the building project. Savings include \$70,000 of tuition NOT spent, decrease in speech services, fuel costs, etc.

Plourde requested the Board members sign the transfer schedule for the year.

Discussion took place on the savings in the fuel oil line at \$21,676. Plourde reported that for the current year, she budgeted \$3.50 and paid \$1.93.

IX. Non Public

Motion by Pouliot to enter Non Public session per RSA 91-A:311b and RSA 91-A:311c at 7:35 PM. Motion seconded by Evans. Pouliot – yes, Evans- yes, Shute, yes. Motion approved.

Board entered nonpublic session at 8:00 pm on a motion by Evans and a second by Pouliot.

Motion made by Evans to accept the nomination of Michael Viens as custodian at a rate of \$11.20 per hour; seconded by Pouliot. Motion approved.

X. Public Comments – none

XI. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2009

XII. Other – none

XIII. Adjournment - **Motion made by Pouliot to adjourn at 8:07 pm; seconded by Evans. Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder for the Board