

Milan School Board
Minutes of Meeting
June 1, 2010
Milan Village School Library

Present: School Board Members – Chair Patricia Shute, Kevin Evans, Sandy Pouliot
Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde,
Special Education Co-Director Steven Gordon, MVS Principal David Backler
Public: Lincoln Robertson

I. Call to Order

Chair Shute called the meeting opened at 6:37 PM.

II. Minutes of May 4, 2010

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the minutes of May 4, 2010 as presented. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

III. Public Comments

Lincoln Robertson introduced himself to the Board as a parent of 2 students and stating that he is proud that his children attend the Best School in New Hampshire. He stated that his children are thriving in the Milan School and he would like to see them continue to excel in Milan. He asked to change the MVS to a K-8 school. He discussed many positive reasons for a K-8 experience.

Shute explained that the Board looked at the possibility of changing to a K-8 school several years ago. She stated that the drawbacks of requirements and sports program made it prohibitive. Plourde explained that Milan is currently in its last year of an AREA agreement with Berlin. Bousquet stated that he would research the requirements and present information to the board at the next meeting in August.

Shute recommended to Robertson that he collect and present a list of names requesting a feasibility study of a K-8 school to the Board.

IV. Written Communications

- Berlin School Board Minutes

Shute asked about the outcome of Berlin's budget hearing since she didn't read anything in the paper. Bousquet stated that he spoke with Berlin's Superintendent Cascadden and no changes were made.

Bousquet stated that he has an additional written communication and read an email from Kathy Murphy of the Department of Education stating that the money for an adequate education will be available to the districts.

Evans asked to have a letter written to the Berlin School Board expressing concern regarding school funding.

Motion made by Evans to direct Bousquet to write a letter to the Berlin City Council expressing the Milan School Board's concern with school funding. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

V. SPED Director's Report

Gordon reported on the extended school program. He stated that IDEA grants would be submitted before June 30, 2010. He added that they are in the process of planning for the fall.

Shute asked if there are any changes in placements. Gordon reported on possible changes that are in the process with student placements. He also reported on several students and their impending graduation.

Bousquet added that he met with Gordon and Co-Director Hebert-Sweeney. They are scheduling a meeting with Berlin Superintendent Cascadden to discuss program changes at the junior high and the high school.

VI. Principal's Report

Backler discussed the math programs, NCTME standards, and balance of math instruction as well as application. He gave examples of the new model of the Saxon program.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the Saxon K-4 Math Program. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

June 12th – Excellence in Education at the Radisson in Manchester. Backler asked for confirmed count by Friday, June 4th.

Backler stated that he has to accept \$5000. for programs from Bob Chapman. Lisa Morse wrote and received a grant from the Walker Fund for \$10,000. to look at summer projects for students and inquiry learning.

Plourde stated according to RSA 198-20:b that there will have to be a public hearing in August to accept the money.

Pouliot asked for numbers of 2010-2011 kindergarten students. Backler reported right now there are 20 students enrolled. Shute asked about paraprofessional. Backler reported that there will be one for part of the day.

Backler distributed SWIS data information.

Backler discussed the parent/student handbook and school dress code. Discussion on clothing regulation. Discussion on adding 3 finger width strap to dress code.

Motion made by Evans to accept the parent student handbook as amended. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- NHSBA Policy Update 2010

Backler read changes made to JICJ.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the second reading and adoption of NHSBA Policies ACD, ADB, EGA, GBEC, GBEF-R, GBEF, GCAA, IHBA-R, IHBG, JFABD-R2, JFABD, JICJ. as amended. Motion seconded by Evans. No additional discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

- Cooperation with Berlin – Update

Bousquet stated the Cooperative Board forwarded a letter to Berlin reiterating their commitment to cooperation and will meet in the fall.

- Lease Agreement Milan School District and NCIA

Bousquet presented recommendations from Attorney Gordon Graham and Chad Miller regarding the proposed leased agreement. Recommendations include background check, proof of insurance, and sharing a room.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept recommendations to the lease as made by Chad Miller. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

- Race to the Top

Bousquet stated that he and Shute have signed the agreement.

- Bousquet will not be able to attend the Awards Night, June 14th at 6:30 PM.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

- Current Year Budget Report

Plourde reported the projected fund balance would be \$353,966.76.

- Transfer Schedule

Plourde explained the Transfer Schedule.

Motion made by Evans to accept the Transfer Schedule as presented. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

IX. Public Comments

Robertson asked about “Pink-eye” and returning to school. Shute explained that conjunctivitis is often virus and if left alone, will become a bacterial infection. She stated that as a health care professional, she has not seen antibacterial eye-drops not work for conjunctivitis. Robertson expressed concern that a school board set up a policy for a health issue. Bousquet stated it is not a board issue but one mandated by department of health.

X. Nonpublic Session – none

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Pouliot to adjourn. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder for the Board