

Milan School Board
August 10, 2010
Minutes of Meeting
Milan Village School Library

Present: School Board Members: Patricia Shute, Sandy Pouliot, Kevin Evans
Administration: Paul Bousquet-Superintendent, Pauline Plourde-Business Administrator, David Backler-MVS Principal

Public: Julie McLain and her niece at 6:41 PM

I. Call to Order

Shute called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

II. Minutes of June 1, 2010.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0.

III. Public Comment

Julie McClain spoke to register Tanya, her niece, who will be a senior at the High School. No board members had a registration form with them. Office will provide a form for Mrs. McClain. McClain requested date for Berlin's High School graduation and Shute responded the graduation date is June 10th.

IV. Motion to accept donation and grant as per public hearing

Motion made by Evans to accept donation and grant as discussed in public hearing. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

V. Written Communications

- Berlin School Board Minutes
- Public Hearing Notice
- 2008-2009 IDEA Determination
- Financial Audit
- School Approval Designation
- Presentation of School of Excellence Display
Bousquet presented a display to the MVS School with students names and staff members as a gift from the SAU office.
- Updated Meeting Calendar

VI. SPED Director's Report

Evans asked number of students in special ed program. Backler stated 12 at the elementary school. Plourde responded that there are about 6 at the high school.

Evans asked about the Medicaid money. Plourde and Bousquet discussed that the amount changes.

VII. Principal's Report

Backler stated he had received an official letter from Ray Burton commending the school for its award and that Burton will attend the opening day assembly.

He presented thoughts and objective for the 2010-2011 School year in his written report. He discussed the overview: continue improving technology, class websites, new math program for K-4, looking at writing program and will be working with Jean Mann to improve writing.

Policy CM Data Report included in his report.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- Race to the Top Update

Bousquet stated the state will not be participating, although there will be funds for some new programs.

- Cooperation with Berlin School Board

Bousquet stated he had spoke with Corrine Cascadden to have the Berlin School Board coming to the October 5th meeting with Dummer. Bousquet would like to invite the Co-op, also.

Shute expressed her concern with not meeting with the Berlin City Council, even though a letter was written in June to meet with them to discuss concerns with their continued level funding. Shute expressed concern with not following through. Evans stated they did not step forward to meet with us. Pouliot stated that it would be appropriate to meet with the council with Berlin School Board. Bousquet asked if he should ask Cascadden to set up a meeting with Berlin School Board and City Council. Shute stated that Berlin cannot prevent public from attending City Council meetings. Discussion on benefit of meeting and discussing federal and state mandates of education, and forming school budgets, and the amount of control. Discussion led to Milan's tuition agreement with Berlin and their option to explore other options. Plourde asked if it feasible to have the school become K-8. Evans explained that the reason for a 5 year agreement with Berlin because of the concern with Berlin's future. Board will place a request for a study on Warrant Article. Evans stated the mandate of the Milan Board is to provide the best education for our students.

- Lease Agreement Milan School District and NCIA update

Bousquet stated that Chad Miller will have the lease agreement drawn up for the board to review.

- Opening of School Information

Bousquet invited the Board to August 31st breakfast for the opening of school.

- Acceptance of Picture Bit – Geskus Photography

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the Geskus Photography bid for 3 years. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0.

- Policies JH and JICK

Bousquet explained the policies. JH is Attendance, Absenteeism and Truancy. JICK is on Bullying. The requirement for JICK is to ensure everyone has viewed the policies.

Motion made by Pouliot to accept the first reading of the policy JH as presented. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.

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

IX. Business Administrator's Report

- 2009-2010 Fund Balance

Plourde reported returning \$386,378.07 to the Town. Discussion the amount is due to \$100,000. reduction in tuition to Berlin, \$55,000. in SPED tuition, and rest is transportation and fuel savings.

Plourde explained the report, including the federal and private grants, capital reserve funds, and food service program.

Plourde explained extreme problems with municipal software, since it is DOS driven. She stated that she is actively pursuing new software, because she cannot rely on the integrity of the software.

She presented the Department of Education reports for the Board to sign.

- Other

X. Non Public Session

Motion made by Evans to enter Non Public Session per RSA 91-A3IIa. Motion seconded by Pouliot. Pouliot – yes, Evans – yes, Shute – yes. Motion approved.

Board entered nonpublic at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder for the Board