

Minutes - Milan School District Public Hearing
To Accept Additional Adequacy Funds from the State of New Hampshire
Tuesday, January 4, 2011
Milan Village School Library

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Public Present: Jackie Quintal

- I. Call to Order-**6:36 p.m.**
- II. Opening of Hearing-**Opened by Patricia Shute**
- III. Explanation of Funds to be Accepted and Their Use-**ARRA/Ed Jobs money to be used for salaries and benefits for staff during the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$29, 933.**
- IV. Close Hearing
- V. Public Comments-None
- VI. Adjournment-**6:38pm**

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- I. Call to Order-6:39pm
- II. Approval of December 1, 2010-Board Minutes-All- K. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. P. Shute 2nd All in favor
- III. Public Comments-None
- IV. Formal Acceptance of Additional Adequacy Funds- A motion was made by K. Evans to accept the additional adequacy funds of \$29, 933.00 P. Shute 2nd All in favor
- V. Written Communications
 - **Berlin School Board Minutes**
 - **A thank you note was received by the Board from the MVS for the Christmas Gift Basket. They loved it!**
- VI. SPED Director's Report- Explained indicator 11 as per report and indicator 13 as per report. David Freschi will review a program to see if it is appropriate for a sixth grade student and will question the Berlin School District as to the ability of the BSD to meet the needs of an autistic spectrum student for the 2011-2012 school year in grade seven. Milan currently has one student in the WMCC with Neil Tennenbaum. Two more students from Milan may join the WMCC program soon. Explained how Faith Kimball works to help with transition services, after High School graduation, for the Milan students. Works with students to help them to either transition to the world of work or college. P. Shute asked about budget next year for our student who may need support as they are diagnosed in the autism spectrum. Likelihood of private school placement is minimal. Steve explained that programs for our student will be explored locally. Budgetarily we are doing well for next year based on students and services we will provide for them.
- VII. Principal's Report- Christa McAuliffe Technology conference was great. Roy Foundation sent \$3500.00 in grant monies for the preschool program. **K. Evans made a motion to accept Roy Foundation Funds 2nd by P. Shute. All in favor.**

Moving along with website, Google Applications - our 6th grade created a math lesson today and 5th graders will use this for problem solving skills.

Assessments are coming up mid-winter MAPS to assess where our students are at this time. Common core state standards are out and curriculum committee will be attending workshop on these. Want to set the standards at MVS higher than common core standards. Incentives for PBIS not made for December but students will make next one. P. Shute asked about using kindles for textbooks? Dave does not believe it will be a kindle. They are looking at the new type of netbook with full size keyboards that can download all aspects of kindle plus

more. Dave is currently looking to write a grant for these computers. Although the new technology is great, Dave does not want to lose the feel books and turning pages, etc. A new generation of laptop will be coming forth with the technology moving so quickly - Tablet format type device. He is presently not looking to have a take home computer for each child at this time.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- Paving Information- Currently playing phone tag and have not been able to talk to the proper people who are working with the Town of Milan. Dennis Rossignol will get square footage to the superintendent for the paving project. We will look into a civil engineer to develop plans for both the paving and oil tank repair.
- Oil Tank Information- Pauline discussed oil tanks and a leak monitoring system with secondary containment. Need to have the secondary containment system installed by December 22, 2015. Quote was received by Tanner Hill Milling and Construction, Dave Landry, of \$15,339.43 for the containment system. We could possibly do it this summer, use end of year funds, and possibly use oil tank capital reserve funds. Tanks installed in 1993 and are fine. They can be repaired once and the tank is easily accessible for repair purposes. In another 10 plus years the tank will possibly need to be replaced. Discussion ensued as to using the capital reserve funds for both the underground tank repair and the summer paving project. In this way we will not be over burdening the taxpayer during the upcoming budget year. There is a concern over the current water system that may need to be looked into as soon as possible in order to meet the schools need and may have to tap into the building and grounds capital reserve fund. The Board agreed that that is what the funds are there for, use if an emergency arises.
- Cooperation with Berlin-**K. Evans make a motion to accept the 2011-2012 calendar as presented. 2nd by P. Shute. All in favor.**
- Superintendent-Written Permission to Suspend Beyond 10 days- **K. Evans made a motion to allow the Superintendent to extend beyond 10 day suspension, up to 19 days. P. Shute 2nd. All in Favor**
- Other- Explained to Board regarding downhill skiing being offered for Berlin students in Gorham in 2011-2012. This process has just begun. Working on evaluation for administrators and superintendent on Google Applications. Dave reported that a snow index is now being used at MVS using google applications.

IX. Business Administrator's Report

- 2010-2011 Financial Report-Explained the extra Ed Jobs funding and projected fund balance for 2010-2011. Explained how adequacy is determined by the State of New Hampshire.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget-Warrants- A flat budget for 2011-2012 was presented, why is the tax rate up? Because, the amount returned to taxpayers at the end of the year will be greatly reduced and education grant from the State will be lower. Raises proposed for staff etc. are incorporated into the budget for 2011-2012. **K. Evans made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 budget as presented taking into account any changes in health insurance rates or fuel oil costs. 2nd P. Shute. All in Favor.** Warrants were reviewed. Warrants 1-5, are standard warrants done every year. Warrant 6 is the technology capital reserve fund. Warrant 7 is the warrant for the AREA study with the RSA attached. Pauline will run warrants by DRA for approval. Voting warrant is attached for a school board member up for reelection.
- Other: Fuel Oil Bids - **K. Evans made a motion to allow the superintendent of schools to act in the best interest of the Milan School District regarding the fuel oil**

which will go out to bid with bids due on January 14, 2011. 2nd P. Shute. All in favor.

- Other-Financial audit report from the Mercier Group. Great report. A proposal was also given to us by Paul Mercier for services during the next three years and the price for his services as the auditor for Milan School District. No action needed at this time. We may go out to bid for audit services.

- X. Public Comments-J. Quintal asked about the WMCC program and Neil Tennebaum. Steve Gordon explained the program to Ms. Quintal. Ms. Quintal told Principal Backler that the computer work in grades 5-6 is great. Gives students something to look forward to in the future. Ms. Quintal asked about where we are with cooperation with Berlin. Mrs. Shute explained that is why we are having the school district warrant for the study of Berlin and Milan AREA. Berlin is taking small steps at this time with the cooperation. It was suggested that in the school district report or public hearing have the input that was given by the Milan citizens regarding the MVS and the direction it may be moving in the future.

- XI. Non Public Session- **None needed.**

- XII. Milan Budget Hearing-**Tuesday, February 1, 2011**

- XIII. Other - None

- XIV. Adjournment-**Motion to adjourn by K. Evans at 8:07pm. 2nd by P. Shute. All in Favor.**

Respectively Submitted by Paul Bousquet, Superintendent