

MILLER'S RUN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Millers Run School, Sheffield, VT

Present: Maryanne Riggie, Interim Superintendent; Tisha Hankinson, CNSU Business Manager; Mike Lumbra, CNSU Behavior Specialist; Sikander Rashid, Principal; and Board Members: Chair, Jill Faulkner; Biff Mahoney; Diane Nijensohn; Leah Rexford; and Angie Ryan-Williams
Visitors: none

1. The meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Agenda Consent/Revision: Change #11 for a Teacher Negotiations Contract to end of meeting.
3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Biff pointed out a correction in the July 20th Meeting: #9. 4th bullet: delete the last two words – School Board. Jill made the motion to approve the July 20th Meeting Minutes as amended; approved. Jill made the motion to accept July 24th Meeting Minutes; approved. Jill pointed out corrections for the September 21st Meeting: #6. 3rd line: add after be made “after enrollment.” And #11. bullet #2: change “two” weeks to “one” week. Jill made the motion to approve the September 21st Meeting Minutes as amended; approved.
4. General Public Comments (Listen & defer action to future meeting):
5. Finance - Tisha Hankinson:
 - Expenditure Report: Tisha gave the Board a copy of the FY15-16 Expenditure Report for July 1st to today, October 19th. Discussion followed.
 - Energy Audit: A free Energy Audit has been offered to MRS by Norm Etkind, Efficiency Vermont. Jill made the motion to invite Norm Etkind to do the Energy Audit; approved.
 - Cost Containment FY2017: Tisha gave the Board a copy of the FY17 Cost Containment Report. The UD #37 has 1.28 %; discussion followed. The Board agreed to take their Secondary Tuition discussion to the Carousel Board Meeting as the St. Johnsbury Academy Headmaster and Trustees and the Lyndon Institute Headmaster and Trustees have been invited to that Meeting.
 - **The Board received the CNSU FY17 Budget Meetings Schedule.**
6. PBIS Behavioral Data and Support Update, M. Lumbra: Mike gave the Board a chart showing the huge improvement of the behavior over the past two years at MRS. (2014-15 & 2015-16). He gave all the credit to Principal Rashid. He stated four (4) proponents used to make the improvements: Staff Involvement (100%), Leadership, Data, and Parent Involvement. The VT Dept of Education awarded MRS a PBIS Excellency Award.
7. Principal Search Update, Maryanne Riggie: There have been 7 applicants TD, the Principal Ad stated the ending acceptance date is November 5th. The Board discussed with Superintendent Riggie their plan to form a Committee the same as they had when last doing a Principal Search: 2 Board Members, 2 MRS faculty, 2 parents/community members. Maryanne will be the contact with Committee members; post Public Meetings; and do all background checks, etc.

8. CNSU Board Report
 - A Carousel Board Meeting will be October 20th at Lyndon at 6:00.
 - CNSU Executive Board Meeting will be October 27 at 6:00 p.m. at CNSU.
 - Miller's Run School Board will be November 16th at 6:00 p.m. at MRS.
9. Adopt Policy on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students: Tisha stated that the Policy must be adopted tonight. Biff made the motion to adopt the Policy on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students; adopted 5:0.
10. Discuss Act 46: Tisha reported that all SU are expected to make a government change by the 2017 deadline. It was decided the best approach would be to sort out options that can be eliminated for our SU – there will be a discussion on Act 46 at the Carousel Board Meeting, also.
11. Accept Teacher Retirement: Angie made the motion to accept the retirement of Maryann Hertz, Kindergarten, First Grade and Literacy teacher; accepted, 5:0 The Board discussed the need to include in these Minutes their great respect they have for MaryAnn. The commitments she has given MRS for the betterment of this school have been noted and greatly appreciated.
12. Accept Custodian Resignation: Not really necessary as Ed Tanner has already left MRS. However, Jill made the motion to accept the resignation of Ed Tanner, Custodian; accepted.
13. Principal's Report:
 - The remaining Custodian, Jason, has been hurt on the job and will not be able to resume his duties until after his doctor's approval, which will not be before October 27th. A Food Service Staff, Marion, has been helping the Principal after school and Saturday to keep up with cleaning. A Parent has agreed to come in to be a Custodian Sub.
 - After hiring an After School Music teacher, the teacher backed out; now Steve Lindholm, CNSU Music teacher has agreed to get a Music Program started for MRS After School Program.
 - A teacher will be leaving for Maternity Leave and MRS will need a long-term Sub for Kindergarten and First Grade.
14. Future Agenda Items (Oct.):
 - Principal Search Ongoing
 - Act 46 Ongoing
 - Finance/Budget
15. Other Business: None
16. 2015-2016 Negotiations Agreement: The Board went into Executive Session for this at 8:20 p.m. and out at 8:35 p.m. Angie made the motion to ratify the Negotiations for FY16 Teachers Contract starting July 1, 2015 and authorizing Jill to sign the Contract; approved, 5:0.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Next MRS Board Meeting is November 16th, 6:00 p.m. at MRS.

Prepared by Ruth Hamel, Minutes Clerk