

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Public Hearing on School Budget
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Community Room Nute High School and Library**

Milton School Board:

Ann Walsh – Chairperson, Brandy Banks, Douglas Shute, Paul Steer

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle – Business Administrator,
Anne Keebler – Student Service Director, Aaron Bronson – Principal of Nute Middle and High School,
Doug Kilminster – Principal of Milton Elementary School, Bob Adams – Facility Director

Milton Budget Committee:

Devon Pageau, Eric Ohlenbusch, Larry Brown, Bob Carrier, Bruce Woodruff

Visitors:

Jeff Berry, Priscilla Colbath, Jerry O'Connor, Jocelyn Young

Bruce Woodruff called this meeting to order at 5:59pm.

Introductions were made by each person seated at the table to the visitors.

Mr. Woodruff announced that the Milton Deliberative Session will be held on January 31, 2015 at 1:00pm in the Nute Cafeteria.

Mr. Woodruff stated that each Warrant Article that deals with money appropriation will be read in full and then the floor will be opened for comments and or questions on that article.

Article 2:

The Milton teacher's pay raise was discussed.

- ❖ Mr. Shute feels that the pay raise is retroactive and will average approximately 6%.
- ❖ Mrs. Walsh disagreed with Mr. Shute. According to Mrs. Walsh the salary increase was not retroactive for this year. First year teacher do not automatically move to Step 3.

There were no other public comments/questions.

Article 4:

No public comments/questions on Article 4.

Article 5:

The people in attendance were told that the wording in the note of Article 5 needs correcting. Everyone was told of the new wording. Note #2 in Article 5 needs to be corrected as it should state “...leaving a net budget amount of nine hundred fifteen thousand, three hundred ninety-two dollars(\$915,392) to be apportioned between the Wakefield and Milton School Districts...”

The budget committee voted in this article #5 this evening. Their vote should now be reflected as “The budget committee recommends this appropriation (6 – 0). (This vote was taken during the Milton Budget meeting that was held from 5:30 – 6:00pm.)

There were no further public comments/questions on Article 5.

Article 6:

Everyone was told that the evaluation will include the water runoff issue at the school.

There were no further public comments or questions on this article.

Article 7:

It was explained that this article is to discover any issues at Milton Elementary School. This facilities analysis will aid with the long term plans for the school.

No public comments or questions at this time.

Article 8:

The public was informed that the library rug has been repaired and stretched as much as possible. Also everyone was told there might be problems with the floor under the carpet.

No comments or questions on this article from the public.

Article 9:

This article is a continuation of phase 1 and will finish the work on the flat roofs.

Mr. Berry questioned why the date of June 30, 2017 and what would happen after that date? The response given: All work per this article must be completed by June 20, 2017.

Article 10: **

This article is only in place if the school has surplus in the budget at the end of the year.

No comments/questions by the public at this time.

Article 11: **

If at the end of the year, the board has a surplus beyond the \$50,000; then that money would go towards the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund.

***Mr. Shute feels that if Articles 10 and 11 do not pass, then the money could be used to lower the tax rate. Mr. Shute did vote to approve all articles.*

No further public comments/questions at this time.

Article 12:

Money from this article would go towards the purchase of a Special Education vehicle.

No public comments/questions at this time.

As all article dealing with money appropriation were read; Mr. Woodfuff opened the floor for any general comments.

No general comments at this time.

Mr. Woodruff concluded this meeting at 6:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Seldin

Recording secretary