

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Community Room Nute High School & Library
Thursday, October 13, 2016

BUDGET SESSION MEETING MINUTES

School Board Members in Attendance:

Douglas Shute- Chairperson, Luella Snyder, Stefanie Berry, Peg Hurd, Paul Steer, Laura Noseworthy- Secretary

SAU Representatives:

Earl Sussman- Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle- Financial Manager, Scott Currier- Principal of Nute Middle/High School, John Safina- Principal of Milton Elementary School, Bob Adams

Public in Attendance: Barbara Hughes

Budget Meeting:

1. Called to Order/ Flag Salute:
 - a. Douglas Shute Called to Order at 6:02PM
 - b. Lue led the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance
2. Nate- The proposed budget excludes warrant articles. Support Staff salaries are based on a 2% increase. Health insurance is based on an estimated increase of 9% over 2016-2017 rates. Dental insurance is based on an estimated increase 9% percent over 2016-2017 rates. The retirement rate for teachers increased to 17.36% and support staff increased to 11.38%. The Budget includes two unfilled paraprofessionals for Nute and two unfilled paraprofessionals for MES. Please also note there are notes embedded in the budget sheets for specific line items. We are still waiting on numbers for special education and contracted services so you will see zeros on some lines because of that.
3. Maintenance pages 13 & 14 Bob Adams: Everything is based on a two-year average. Paul- Maint Phone Nute why is it \$29,144? Nate- It is without E Rate. We don't know what we are getting back. Lue- Are you watering off shifts? Bob- There is enough pressure so we don't have to. The softball field water is going under MES line. The MES and Nute Snow Removal lines are for the removal of snow from the roofs. Not the packing lots. Doug- Where did you get the money from last year? We need money in the line. Paul motioned to put \$100 in each of the lines. Seconded by Doug. Vote (5/0/0). Paul- Was the John Deere under equipment? Bob- Yes. Lue- Maint Care of Grounds under the Nute line I would like to see it go down. The \$4,500 was a thrown out number for the softball field to be taken care of. Stefanie- Who threw the \$4,500 out? Do you know what they number is? Bob- No. Lue- That was with Cameron's people doing it. I would like to reduce it by \$500. The kids could help. Stef, Peg and Paul all stated that they didn't think it was a good idea for the kids to work with fertilizers. Barbara- Mr. Smith throw out the \$4,500 number now everyone is moving forward with it. Has it gone out to bid? Your basing your decisions on something you don't have information on. Scott- Approach Mr.

Cameron and Mr. Smith for feedback of what it would be now. Nate- We still need to put it out to bid. Stefanie- Can we put it out to bid now so we can get a number? Bob- We can put it in the papers or call three people. Stefanie- Can we call three different places? Bob- Yes. Board- Yes, call three different places. Nate- Do you want it under MES? Board- Yes. Bob- Care of Grounds includes salt and sand. Paul- When does the modular lease run out? Nate- I need to double check. It was for five years. It might be this year. Paul- What do we do after it runs out? Nate- It will be ours it was a lease to buy. Nate- E-Rate 74% of the telephone the state gives money back. Earl- Sometimes it is a year behind. E-Rate is confusing. Nate- We are trying to get it set up so we are getting it back every quarter. I just haven't figured out what we are getting back from last year. Some school contract out and some do it themselves. Lue- The town switched over to WEX for their fuel. They have saved over \$8,000. I think this should be looked into for the SAU. Nate- Maint Multi-Peril Ins is property liability Insurance it's estimated for now. Bob- Maint Supplies- This includes all the paper products, trash bags and chemicals. Maint Travel Line- We can change it to \$1 for both MES and Nute. Sometime I would have to travel to Wakefield in my own vehicle but I will not be doing it anymore. Bob- Maint LP Gas and Maint Fuel Oil we are locked in for a year on the price. The board wanted to know if this was a good number since we had a mild winter last year. Bob to refigure the numbers. Bob- Maint Replacement Equipment this is floor care equipment it allows me to buy a new buffer or deep scrubber. Maint Sewage Nute number is wrong should be \$10,220.50. Maint Repair of Building MES number is off should be \$36,800. The \$7,500 for Nute- \$3500 is for Cable Trays for the gym to make it safer and rest of it is for replacing of stackable chairs. Lue- Bob can you do this over two years? Bob- Yes.

4. MES John Safina: John handed out copies of his color coded budget proposal. He explained- I asked each teacher to come up with their wish list. I don't give them a limit. They were allowed to pick 3 items. We only come in \$5,000 above budget. Lue- I don't know why you putting in a whole classroom of computers. The town wants to buy not lease. They didn't want it snuck into a budget. Earl- The computers are still upstairs in boxes. John- They are for the local carts. They are not what we need for the computer lab. Scott- Nute High School is getting the SIG Grant. We will be purchasing all new computers with some of the money. I will be able to move computers to MES. The lease option was to replace all the computers in the district. Lue- We can use the REAP Grant to buy the computers needed at MES. The Special Ed Trust is going away. Maybe we could create a new one for computers. Earl- We need to show what our computer plan is. John- The Tech plan is in place. Lue- The Warrant Article failed. Scott- With the SIG Grant we can reset. We have to come up with a plan that is sustainable. Lue- I can get the tax payers to support the fund balance. Stefanie- We need to come up with an sustainable program. We need to better educate the public. They see it as a rip off and they don't understand why the students need computers. Peg- Separate Warrant Article last year for \$5000 increase this year. John is putting 26 computers in the tech line. Earl- Computers are an important piece of the students' education. Peg- Leave it in. Doug- Leave it in or take it out? Stefanie- Leave it. Paul- Write a warrant article for the fund balance. Separate at no cost to the tax payers. Peg- What is the fund balance? Nate- It is the bottom line that is leftover. Paul- The voters vote to put it there. John- Some towns say use it instead of returning it back to the tax payers. Peg- Leave them in. Stefanie and

Paul- Lets do both put it in the budget and request a fund balance. Lue- John bring your budget down \$5000 and I will fight for it. John- I'm still not sure what the Backbay fee will be. Scott- For the SIG Grant I was requesting set amounts for the three years. They raised the amount that I was proposing. They need to get rid of the money or it will be lost. Every piece of equipment that is purchase with the SIG Grants needs to be issued and used at Nute High School for at least a year before it can be given to another location. Stefanie- Of the computers you have now how many can go to MES? Will they be able to do the Smarted Balance Test on them? Scott- Yes some of the computer can go to MES but they are not good enough to use in the computer lab. Paul- We have a list of the computers we have now. Doug- Leave the computer in the budget but get it down \$5000. John when you come back to next budget meeting please bring enough handouts for the whole board.

5. Nute Scott Currier: Scott reported that his overall proposed budget is less than it was last year and he is happy about that. Scott- School To Work- Stu Trans line this is Support Students. We have 60 to 70 High School and Middle School students doing ELOs with Fern Downing. You will see that VHS is zeroed out. The program no longer meets our needs. We are using VLACS it is a free program that the students can enroll in different classes and get school credits. Doug- Page 17 we are down this much (299,491.17)? Nate- This is before Special Ed and some either items that Anne submits numbers for. NECC contact isn't in it @\$42,000. High VOC ED Tuition page 5 has a zero amount. Why did it go up that much that year? Earl- We need to look at what Stefanie said about NECC last night. If we provide the staffing what would that look like? Earl- Commissioner Berry- Pilot Career Ready Program. Scott- We will look at the High VOC ED Tuition and come back with the information next meeting. Nate- VOC Ed line is for transporting students to Rochester and Dover to the Vo-Tech Programs. Nate- TE Cont SVCS lines I'm working with Steve at Backbay on these figures. Paul- This might be a question for John. What it the line item for ELEM Library Furn/Fix for \$16,700? Bookshelves for the library at MES. Nate- I also put in a copier in the budget because the one in the teacher's room at Nute needs to be replaced. Earl- Scott you said you were down does this include the tech? Scott- No. Peg- I hate to see a deficit for the food service.
6. Peg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24PM. Seconded by Stefanie Vote (5/0/0) Passed Peg- Yes, Stefanie- Yes, Paul- Yes, Lue- Yes, and Doug- Yes.

Respectfully Submitted
Laura Noseworthy
Secretary

Minutes Approved on: October 26, 2016