

**School Administrative Unit #64
Milton School Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Nute High School Library & Conference Room**

Milton School Board Members:

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

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle – Business Administrator,
Anne Kebler – Student Services Director, Aaron Bronson – Principal of Nute High/Middle School,
Bob Adams – Facilities Administrator

Visitor:

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Ann Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Anne Kebler led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2015/2016:

- ❖ Proposed budget has been updated since last week's school board meeting.
- ❖ 4.5% increase in the budget over last year's budget.
- ❖ 2.1% of the 4.5% consists of retirement and Special Education costs.
- ❖ \$59,409.08 – retirement
- ❖ \$134,100.56 – Special Education
- ❖ Elementary Special Education contracted service
 - With not having a Speech teacher, the Milton contracted with Speech Services at a contract cost of \$90,000.00.
- ❖ Currently, Milton has four students in out-of-district placements. It is anticipated for a few more students to be placed out-of-district.
- ❖ The cost of two printers and the Art room's two laptops was removed from the budget. These were to be for the elementary school.
- ❖ Health insurance rates will hopefully be sent to the SAU by October 21, 2014.
- ❖ Special Education includes one paraprofessional at a Step 6 in each of the elementary, middle and high schools. Currently these positions are vacant.
- ❖ SPARK program is a specific life skills program.
- ❖ SOC membership – membership offers lower rates and a seat on the executive board.

School Board section of the budget:

- ❖ Budget amounts are based whenever possible on actual costs.

- ❖ The school board expense line 100-2310-2-00-0000 increased by \$800.00. The board would like to know what the \$1502.03 was spent upon. If possible make this line level funded.
- ❖ Unemployment and Workman's Compensation increased by 7%. Mr. Tursi and Mr. Castle will try to obtain the actual rates of these.

Food Services:

- ❖ Cost of contract for this year is \$285,867.00 is the projected cost. Café Services does not tend to increase their contract rate for the second year of their contract.
- ❖ Milton schools own the food service equipment. Therefore, Milton is responsible for repairs and maintenance, hence the \$5000.00 budget line.
- ❖ Food service is not part of the General Fund.

Repair of Buildings:

- ❖ Amount is lower due to being based on a three year average of actual with a 5% increase.
- ❖ Budget contains a \$35,000 to \$40,000.00 cushion for maintenance.

School Bus Capital Reserve Fund:

- ❖ The board asked to have the exact wording of this fund.

Warrant Articles:

Potential warrant articles:

- ❖ Nute's have all come from the facilities analysis for upgrades to meet codes.
- ❖ Smoke Detectors – current year's budget may not be able to afford to add the cost of needed smoke detectors. The school board decided the \$3,500.00 for smoke detectors should be placed in the operating budget instead of a warrant article. This will increase the middle/high school line by \$3,500.00.
- ❖ The elementary operating budget can be decreased by \$4,200.00. This would be the cost of the sink and cabinet as they are not necessities.
- ❖ The lawn maintenance cost of \$18,000.00 includes gravel, mulch, salting, lawn mowing, spring and fall cleanup, etc. If this is to be contracted out, lawn maintenance would have to be placed out to bid.
- ❖ Civil analysis – falls under safety – water analysis: to determine the flow of water outside the buildings. This will show where the buildings have seepage/wet basements.
- ❖ Structural analysis – will determine if the 1959 roof could handle snow loads.

Douglas Shute made a motion to go forward with having the Civil (at a cost of \$8000.00) and Structural (at a cost of \$8900.00) testing done. Andy Crone seconded this motion. The school board voted on this motion as follows: Walsh – No, Banks – No, Crone – aye, Shute – aye, Steer – aye.

- ❖ Facilities analysis for the MES and Damon House would be \$27,000.00.
- ❖ Elementary building needs: repointing of bricks, library flooring and repairs to the multipurpose room.

Special Education:

The five lines in the Special Education budget that cannot be touched total: \$251,000.00.

Miscellaneous:

- ❖ Mr. Adams' department has asked for increases each year for needed items. Each year, his section of the budget has not been increased.
- ❖ Mr. Shute informed the town budget committee last year that items would be coming up in the coming year's budget that will need to be addressed.
- ❖ New items for consideration:
 - Lawn Care
 - AmeriCorp Program
 - AP Courses at Spaulding
 - 50% time counselor
 - 5 extra days in the School to Work program
 - 5 extra days for the technology teacher at the elementary school
 - Credit Recovery program
 - Classroom furniture
 - Benches for the shop classroom
 - These items total cost of \$105,706.00 equals 1.1% of the budget increase.

Brandy Banks made the motion to adjourn at 8:19pm. Andy Crone seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Walsh – aye, Banks – aye, Crone – aye, Shute – aye, Steer – aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary

These minutes are a draft until approved.