

**School Administrative Unit #64
Joint School Board Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2015
Nute High School Library & Community Room
Public Session and Public Hearing**

Milton School Board:

Tim Long – Chairman of the Joint School Board, Brandy Banks, Douglas Shute, Ann Walsh

Wakefield School Board:

Stephen Brown, Bonnie Cyr, Relf Fogg, Norma Joy, Bob Ouellette

Administration:

Michael Tursi – Superintendent of SAU #64, Nathan Castle – Business Administrator

Guests:

Jerry O'Connor, Bob Carrier, Andy Rawson

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Tim Long called this meeting to order at 5:30pm. Ann Walsh led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ann Walsh made a motion to enter a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II a at 5:34pm.

While in nonpublic session a discussion of the superintendent's salary occurred.

Relf Fogg made the motion to adjourn from the nonpublic session at 5:50pm. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The joint school board voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (9 – 0 – 0)

The joint board meeting resumed after a short recess at 6:00pm.

SAU FT17 Proposed Budget – Public Hearing:

- ❖ Bottom line of the budget was changed to \$957,864.13
- ❖ Budget increase due to superintendent's salary increase.
- ❖ Need to add FICA, retirement and disability to the bottom line of the budget.

Relf Fogg made a motion to keep the bottom line at \$957,864.13. Stephen Brown seconded the motion. The members voted as follows: Long – no, Banks – no, Brown – yes, Cyr – no, Fogg – yes, Joy – no, Ouellette – no, Shute – yes, Walsh – no. (3 – 6 – 0)

- ❖ New FICA to be added = \$82.78, Retirement = \$120.87 and Disability = \$3.46. Total = \$207.11
- ❖ Due to this section of the meeting being the public hearing, the discussion on the bottom line should not be discussed at this time.

Superintendent Tursi went over the budget highlights for the guests.

- ❖ Salaries based on a 2% increase.
- ❖ Health Insurance based on a 2.8% increase. The Holiday Premium was not included as it is not definite that the premium would be issued each year.
- ❖ Retirement – no change.
- ❖ Worker’s Compensation is based upon actual figures.
- ❖ Unemployment based on 2 year actual plus 5%.
- ❖ E-Rate was not included.
- ❖ Propane based on the 2 year actual average plus 5%.
- ❖ Electricity based on the 2 year actual average plus 5%.

Guest Remarks/Questions:

- ❖ Why are we paying for pest control if the facility is being rented? Response: Pest control is not in the lease agreement.
- ❖ Could you explain about the SSA season tickets? Response: The tickets allow two people to attend professional development opportunities. The tickets are purchased at a substantial discount. The tickets are used by administration and teachers.
- ❖ The copier that is being leased was questioned. The lease is being continued at this point without a contract. A 2 year contract will not be signed. The lease contains the option to purchase the copier at fair market price. Waiting to receive a buyout cost from the company.
- ❖ Maintenance Agreements – What is the security? Response: The building alarm system.
- ❖ What is Black Board? Response: It is the software to send information to parents/guardians. It used to be called Alert Now.
- ❖ Unemployment Compensation numbers, could you explain how these are calculated? Response: Calculated by the number of employee incidents, layoffs, plus other factors. The figures can change from year to year. Unemployment Compensation is mandatory. We do not have control over these figures.
- ❖ Taxable wages are for the SAU staff.
- ❖ Would you explain the dues/fees and what they are used for? Response: Mr. Tursi read the list of organizations and their dues/fees.

Brandy Banks made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:43pm. Relf Fogg seconded the motion. The board voted their approval as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (9 – 0 – 0)

Public session continued:

Bonnie Cyr made the motion to amend the SAU budget by increasing it by \$1,289.24 for the Superintendent's salary line. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – no, Cyr – yes, Fogg – no, Joy – yes, Shute – no, Walsh – yes. (6 – 3 – 0)

- ❖ New bottom line now equals \$958,071.24
- ❖ New variance is \$28,679.54

Bonnie Cyr made the motion to have the FY17 SAU Proposed Budget equal \$958,071.24. Ann Walsh seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – no, Cyr – yes, Fogg – no, Joy – yes, Shute – no, Walsh – yes. (6 – 3 – 0)

Stephen Brown made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 6:50pm. Bonnie Cyr seconded this motion. The board voted it approval as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Shute – yes, Walsh – yes. (9 – 0 – 0)

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Seldin
Recording secretary

Amended and approved December 30, 2015