

**School Administrative Unit #64
Joint School Board Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2015
Nute High School Library and Community Room**

Milton School Board:

Tim Long – Chairman of the Joint Meeting, Brandy Banks, Douglas Shute, Paul Steer, 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

Visitor:

Anne Kebler

Tim Long called this meeting to order at 6:01pm. Ann Walsh led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

None

2016-2017 Proposed Budget:

Changes since last meeting –

- ❖ The auditor's line was reduced.
- ❖ Adjustment to the dental line as there was an anticipated increase of 9% did not occur. There will be no increase in the dental insurance for next year.
- ❖ The SAU apportionment of the BackBay cost was miscalculated – it is lower on today's proposed budget.

Today's discussion of the budget-

- ❖ Norma Joy questioned the BackBay contract cost and specifically Wakefield's portion of the 30%.
- ❖ Mr. Tursi explained the percentage originated in 2010 by that Joint School Board,
- ❖ BackBay used to employ a network administrator.

Norma Joy made a motion to change the 30% division of the BackBay contract/budget to 10% for Wakefield and 20% for Milton. Stephen Brown seconded the motion. A discussion ensued.

The joint school board voted as follows on the motion: Long – no, Banks – no, Brown – yes, Cyr – yes, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – yes, Shute – no, Steer – no, Walsh – no. (5 – 5 – 0) Motion failed.

- ❖ The variance is for health insurance (holiday premium), rent increase and the E-Rate.

Stephen Brown made a motion for a 1% (one percent) salary increase for SAU employees. Relf Fogg seconded the motion for discussion.

Stephen Brown amended his motion to a 0% (zero percent) salary increase/raise for all SAU employees. Relf Fogg seconded this motion for discussion. The joint board voted as follows: Long – no, Banks – no, Brown – yes, Cyr – no, Fogg – yes, Joy – no, Ouellette – no, Shute – no, Steer – no, Walsh – no. (2 – 8 – 0) Motion failed.

Stephen Brown made a motion for the SAU staff salary to have a 1% (one percent) increase/raise. Relf Fogg seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Long – no, Banks – no, Brown – yes, Cyr – no, Fogg – yes, Joy – yes, Ouellette – no, Shute – no, Steer – no, Walsh – no. (3 – 7 – 0) Motion failed.

Bonnie Cyr made the motion for a 2% (two percent) salary increase/raise for SAU employees. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – no, Cyr – yes, Fogg – no, Joy – no, Ouellette – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes. (7 – 3 – 0) Motion passed.

Relf Fogg made the motion to move the budget line of \$939,391.90 to represent a zero increase in the SAU FY17 budget. Stephen Brown seconded this motion. Discussion followed. The board voted as follows: Long – no, Banks – no, Brown – yes, Cyr – no, Fogg – yes, Joy – no, Ouellette – no, Shute – no, Steer – no, Walsh – no. (2 – 8 – 0) Motion failed.

Bonnie Cyr made the motion to approve the FY17 SAU budget of \$965,388.38. Brandy Banks seconded this motion. The board voted as follows: Long – yes, Banks – yes, Brown – no, Cyr – yes, Fogg – no, Joy – no, Ouellette – yes, Shute – yes, Steer – yes, Walsh – yes, (7 – 3 – 0) Motion passed.

Brandy Banks made the motion to adjourn at 6:41pm. Relf Fogg seconded this motion. The board voted as follows to adjourn: Long – yes, Brown – yes, Fogg – yes, Steer – yes, Shute – yes, others were in discussion and did not hear call for a vote. When asked to vote, it was stated there was another topic to be discussed. At this point Mr. Fogg and Mr. Brown stated the meeting was adjourned. Some members wished to continue the meeting. Mr. Fogg stated the meeting was adjourned and to continue would constitute an illegal meeting. At this time both Mr. Fogg and Mr. Brown left the room.

The next meeting will be November 19, 2015 at 5:30pm in Milton.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Seldin

Recording secretary

Approved December 30, 2015