

Budget Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Milton School Budget workshop for 2016-2017
Warrant Articles
Thursday January 7th 2016

The Chairman called the meeting to Order at 6:04 pm. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of seating Members: Bob Carrier, Larry Brown, Maureen Steer, Stan Nadeau (Water District Commissioner). Ann Walsh (School Board Rep.). A quorum was present. Lue Snyder, Thomas McDougall excused.

SAU Administration Unit #64: Superintendent Micheal Tursi, Business Administrator Nathan Castle,

Milton School Board: Doug Shute, Tim Long, Paul Steer

Review the Milton School District Default Budget: Stan Nadeau handed out to the School Board, Supt. Micheal Tursi and the Budget Committee questions on the Default Budget and also the definition of default budgets from Legal Government Center.

Supt.Mr.Tursi: went through the list of questions that Stan Nadeau submitted and explained every line and some changes will have to be made. There was an error in the default budget of \$45.00.

Review Warrant Articles: The School Board and the Budget Committee voted to recommend the following Warrant Articles.

NOTE: There were changes in wording in article 4 the word (roof) was removed. The words (up to) to be added in article 4 & 5. In article 2 the default budget number was adjusted by \$45.00

Article 2: Larry Brown made the motion second by Maureen Steer to recommend (\$9,844,248.84) as the operating budget for the Milton School District. Should this article be defeated the default budget, the default budget shall be (\$9,833,472.34).

NOTE: The total operating budget will be offset by federal grant revenues of (\$441,704) leaving a net budget amount of (\$9,402,544.84). The amount of (\$441,704) will not be raised by taxation.

NOTE: The total default budget will be offset by federal grant revenues of (\$441,704) leaving a net budget amount of (\$9,391,768.34). The amount of (\$441,704) will not be raised by taxation.

This article does not include appropriation in any other warrant articles

The school board recommends this appropriation (4-0)

The budget committee recommends this appropriation (4-1)

Article 3: Larry Brown made the motion second by Maureen Steer to recommend (\$958,071.24) as the School Administrative Unit for the forthcoming year which (414,078) are assigned to the school budget of the Milton School District. This year's adjusted budget of (\$948,834.51) with (\$410,086) assigned to the school budget of the Milton School District, will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the school district voters voting in this school administrative unit.

NOTE: The SAU #64 consist of Milton and Wakefield School Districts.

The school board recommends this appropriation (4-0)

The budget committee recommends this appropriation (4-1)

Article 4: Larry Brown made the motion second by Maureen Steer to recommend up to (\$50,000) for brick and mortar repair at Milton Elementary School.

The school board recommends this appropriation (4-0)

The budget committee recommends this appropriation (4-1)

Article 5: Larry Brown made the motion second by Maureen Steer to recommend up to (\$279,034.40) to

Authorize the school board to enter a three year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing new computers for MES, Nute Middle School and Nute High School and Library and to raise and appropriate (\$75,428.64) for the first year's payment on the lease.

This lease contains an escape clause. This is a special warrant article.

The school board recommends this appropriation (4-0)

The budget committee recommends this appropriation (4-1)

Article 6: Larry Brown made the motion second by Maureen Steer to recommend (\$32,782) for phase one Of three phases to shingle the Milton Elementary School roof.

The school board recommends this appropriation (5-0)

The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-0)

Article 7: Larry Brown made the motion second by Maureen Steer to recommend (\$5,000) to purchase Library media for the Nute Library.

The school board recommends this appropriation (5-0)

The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-0)

Article 8: Larry Brown made the motion second by Maureen Steer to recommend up to (\$25,000) to be placed in the Milton School District Building Maintenance Repair, Renovation Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining school building, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2016 unreserved fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2016.

The school board recommends this appropriation (5-0)

The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-0)

Article 9: Larry Brown made the motion second by Maureen Steer to recommend up to (\$25,000) to be Placed in the expendable trust fund for the education of educationally disabled children, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2016 unreserved fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2016.

The current balance in the fund is \$ 127,000 Mr.Tursi comment we will be using most of that money.

The school board recommends this appropriation (5-0)

The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-0)

NOTE: Article 4 thru Article 9. These appropriations are in addition to Article 2, the operating budget. (Majority vote required). These are special warrant article appropriations.

The Budget Committee roll call votes on each warrant article.

Article 2: Maureen Steer (Y), Larry Brown (Y), Stan Nadeau (N), Ann Walsh (Y), Chair Bob Carrier (Y).

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Article 5: Maureen Steer (Y), Larry Brown (Y), Stan Nadeau (N), Ann Walsh (Y), Chair Bob Carrier (Y).

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Article 7: Maureen Steer (Y), Larry Brown (Y), Stan Nadeau (Y), Ann Walsh (Y), Chair Bob Carrier (Y).

Article 8: Maureen Steer (Y), Larry Brown (Y), Stan Nadeau (Y), Ann Walsh (Y), Chair Bob Carrier (Y).

Article 9: Maureen Steer (Y), Larry Brown (Y), Stan Nadeau (Y), Ann Walsh (Y), Chair Bob Carrier (Y).

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Maureen Steer to accept the minutes of November 24th 2015 as written second by Larry Brown Motion passed.

A motion was made by Maureen Steer to accept the minutes of December 1st 2015 with correction of Brandy Banks first name needs to be changed from a small b to capital B. second by Larry Brown Motion passed.

A motion was made by Maureen Steer to accept the minutes of December 8th 2015 with corrections of Brandy Banks first name needs to be changed from a small b to capital B. Ann Walsh her name should be with the budget committee members and on page 3, 9th paragraph 4th line should read It's been scientifically proven second by Larry Brown Motion passed.

A motion was made by Maureen Steer to accept the minutes of December 15th 2015 with corrections of Brandy Banks first name needs to be changed from a small b to capital B. Ann Walsh her name should be with the budget committee members second by Larry Brown Motion passed.

Members Comment: Ann Walsh: I do have a concern about the default budget when and when we go to

the town, I'm already on the fence about this because of the COLA raises business the paper that Stan handed out says no raises to be included. The town does includes there the COLA's. I have heard legal arguments that you can do that, I've heard lawyers tell the school districts we can put our steps in there because, it's something we do every single year, so that I think it's going to be a touchy situation and I'm not looking forward to it.

Larry Brown: One you just reminded me is the story of the town that had one lawyer and is in poverty and the second lawyer moved in and the both lived comfortably.

The other thing if you had an eye exam with dilation with atropine it has very low levels is recently found to be effective in slowing the development of Myopia.

This is more philosophic going through old reading cards and came across 2 quotes 1 who wrote Peter Pan Jan Berry who said try to be a bit kinder than necessary nice meeting.

The other one if you been listening to news articles cortisol is the flight of hormones and heart disease endemic and our good friends from the Old Testament got their first and said let not sun go down upon my wrath. In philology it's know one is young forever neither angry.

Next meeting: January 12th 2016 snow date January 13th Public hearing on the Milton School District budget 2016-2017.

New Business: John Katwick has sent a letter of intent to resign to Chairman Tom Gray and the budget committee Chairman Bob Carrier Chairman Tom Gray read the letter at Monday's Selectmen's meeting to take affect January 31st 2016. Larry Brown went to see the Town Clerk and inquired what date would Mr.Katwick have to leave the budget committee for his position to be placed on the ballot? Michelle Beauchamp the Town Clerk said he would have to resign January 19th 2016. Larry Brown has volunteered to see Mr.Katwick and explain the situation to see if he would consider leaving the budget committee on that date.

The Chairman did not read the letter to the committee. It was suggested we table this.

Bob Carrier handed out the Town warrant articles to the committee that he received just before tonight's meeting. They will be voted on after the public hearing on January 14th. Ann Walsh said we have to go over these articles before the public hearing there are some new articles that we need to discuss so we talk about them intelligently.

Bob Carrier we're under a time constraint we have a January 12th public hearing for the school and a public hearing on January 14th. It was suggested we meet before one hour before the public meeting for the school budget.

Bob Carrier I need to get in touch with the Town Administrator and the Selectmen. We need confirmation from the Selectmen that they can be here. This is short notice, we have to post this by Friday and the list of question that Stan Nadeau has about the default budget that needs to be delivered to the TA so the Selectmen can review them before the Town public hearing. (Stan had the only printed copy).

Chairman Bob Carrier I will be stepping down as Chairmen of the budget committee. I tried to avoid this and it just didn't work. The amount of work that has to be done before the public hearings next week and the meeting minutes I'm trying to get them out on time has overwhelm me. Larry Brown will be the Chairman I will continue to write the minutes as a regular board member of the committee.

Maureen Steer volunteered to post the notice and hand deliver the questions Stan Nadeau has about the default budget. Selectmen Tom Gray was called and said the Selectmen would meet on January 12th 2016 at 5:30 pm

to go over the town warrants.

Larry Brown volunteered to talk to Mr.Katwick.

Adjourn: a motion to adjourn was made by Stan Nadeau second by Maureen Steer motion passed. 8:31pm

Submitted by: Bob Carrier

Approved Date: _____

These are draft minutes until they are approved.