

**School Board
Deliberative Session
Milton, N.H. 03851
Special Session
2018-19 MILTON SCHOOL PROPOSED BUDGET @1:00PM
Saturday, February 10, 2018**

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Roll Call

Moderator - Chris Jacobs, Selectmen - Andrew Rawson, Earl Sussman – Superintendent, Nathan Castle – Financial Manager, Doug Shute – Chairman, Melissa Brown, Laura Noseworthy, Paul Steer, Attorney for the School Board, Tammy Crandall Recording Secretary

Roll Call of Budget Committee Seating Members

Meeting called to order at 8:45 am. Chairman Larry Brown, Peg Hurd (School Board Representative), Tom McDougall, Bob Carrier, Shawn Perreault, Erin Hutchings and Shari Gaesser - Secretary. A Quorum was present. Stan Nadeau and Dennis Wing were excused.

Moderator called the Deliberative session to order at 1:20PM.

Budget committee continued its open session at 1:20PM

Doug Shute– this cut would be devastating to the kids in the school. We cannot do this, as it would cause a number of layoffs and a number of cuts to programs.

Barbara Concaugh – The school board and staff are working hard to provide for the students.

Warrant Articles

Article 1: Election of Officers – Town moderator read the list

The Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Warrant Article 1 on the second session ballot as read.

Article 2: Operating Budget (does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.) Proposal was brought to the floor Brian McQuade to cut the school budget by \$1.4 million

Earl Sussman – Thanks to the Budget Committee and the School Board. They have asked many phenomenal questions regarding the budget and the answer is in the result. We have a decrease in the budget from last year. Going line-by-line making cuts and it is now bear bones. This is not based on education or on students but based on an ideology. We welcome whomever that would like to join us next year and present valid ideas that will not impact students. **Jennifer Dupree** – Federal rev. grants? Contingent on

requested budget or % of operating budget – **Nathan Castle** – based on what we currently have for current title. **Jen Dupree** – What is the estimated per person cost? Tom – students? Roughly \$2,000 per students is an estimate. **Doug Shute** - This is not correct. You don't pay full amount on the \$10,00,000. **Pete Hayward** – is there a drop in revenue? Nate – variation of federal grants adequacy. MES cost per student is roughly \$15,000. **Shawn Perreault** – we had a lively meeting, which resulted in a slashed school budget, and any lower is about coming out of pockets. We were unable to do some cuts due to state laws. We did go line by line. I did vote no on town budget but yes on school budget. **Larry Brown** – years ago there was a huge hole and I have watch school crawl out of it. I remember Doug Shute made a comment that he wanted to cut his own taxes. Motion to reduce the budget to \$9,263,646.80 amendment fails. Motion to close discussion by Nick Marique and second by Susan Foster-Brown. Motion was made by Maureen Steer to restrict reconsideration on the article and second by Nick Marique. Motion passed.

Article 3: Library Media Fund – Motion to open discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. No discussion. Motion to close the discussion was made by Nick Marique and second Maureen Steer. Motion by Maureen Steer was made to restrict reconsideration on this article and second by Tom Gray. Motion Passed

Article 4: SPED Expendable Trust Fund - Motion to open discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. **Jen Dupree** – is the Expendable Trust Fund zeroed out end of year? **Doug Shute** – No. The current amount to be \$156,966.88. Motion to close discussion Maureen Steer and second by Nick Marique. Motion was made by Maureen Steer was made to restrict reconsideration on this article and second by Tom Gray. Motion Passed.

Article 5: Milton School District Building Maintenance Repair, Renovation and Capital Project Reserve Fund – motion to open discussion by Tom Gray and second by Maureen Steer. Fund balance approximately \$76,000. Close motion discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. Motion by to restrict reconsideration Mr. Long and second by Nick Marique. Motion Passed.

Article 6: Purchase of Accounting Software – Motion by Nick Marique to open discussion and second by Tom Gray. If this does not go through then will be a line item next year. Mod. Generate reports that goes to state. **Lynette McDougall** – Is this something that the town has and could be shared that could be consistent across the board? **Shawn Perreault** – Is this a onetime purchase? **Nate Castle** – the bulk of the purchase is for training and rest are for module. No addition cost next year we would not pay for the bulk of it i.e. training. **Lynette McDougall** – would it be feasible to send couple people? **Nate Castle** - that is the plan. We have put in the budget as worst case scenario. **Jen Dupree** – bulk is going to training. Should warrant include wording for training just to make it clear where money is going. **Lynette McDougall** – can we add a definition to that? **Attorney** – money can be spent for entire package. Amendment is not needed. Motion to amend the warrant to include wording such as “training”. Mr. A seconded. Motion to close discussion by Larry Brown and second by Tim Long. Motion

to restrict reconsideration was made by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. Motion passes.

Article 7: Milton School District Technology Expendable Trust Fund - Motion to open discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. **Jen Dupree** how much in fund. Hard ware software etc. Wi-Fi etc.? Could be anything? **Nate Castle** - \$9,000 is currently in the account. More for hardware. Plan specifically to computers desktop and laptop. **Lynette McDougall** – is this enough? Earl Sussman – \$270,000 SIG grant took care of high school – this is more for MES. . Close motion discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Nick Marique. Motion to restrict reconsideration was made by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. Motion Passes

Article 8: Milton School District Bus Trust Fund – Motion to open discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. Paul Steer - \$2,600 in fund. 13 vehicles 1,700,000 miles combined on all vehicles. Close motion discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. Motion to restrict reconsideration was made by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. Motion Passes

Article 9: Change the Name Milton School District Bus Trust Fund to Milton School District Vehicle Trust Fund. Motion to open discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. **Brian McQuade** – just a clarification only school bus was using this. **Paul Steer** - yes – we have a truck needs upgrade so adding these. **Pete Woodruff** – how many in pool? Paul Steer - 13 transportation vehicles. 15 vehicles and 1 vehicle for the grounds. Close motion discussion by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. Motion to restrict reconsideration was made by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray. Motion Passes

Motion to adjourn made by Maureen Steer and second by Tom Gray at 2:20 PM.

Budget Committee - moved to adjourned at 2:20PM. No business pertinent to the Budget Committee was done.

Respectfully submitted by

Shari Gaesser, Recording Secretary.