

**Milan School District**  
**Minutes of 2011-2012 Budget Public Hearing**  
Tuesday, February 1, 2011  
Milan Village School Library

Present: School Board- Patricia Shute, Kevin Evans, and Sandy Pouliot

Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde, MVS Principal David Backler

Public: George Pozzuto, Mickey Miller, Randy Fortin, Richard Lamontagne, Jacqueline Quintal, Paulette Frechette, Norman Frechette, Lisa Morse, Rebecca Shute, and Kim Hockmeyer, recorder

I. Call to Order

Hearing was called to order by Chairman Shute at 6:49 P.M.

II Review of 2011-2012 Budget and Warrants

Shute turned the hearing over to Pauline Plourde.

Backler explained to the public the process for MVS to become the 2010 Elementary School for Excellence. Pozzuto asked what happens to our students once they go to Berlin. Backler responded that a lot happens once students attend school in Berlin. He mentioned that Milan students comprise almost 50% of Berlin's National Honor Society, but Milan students make up about 1/10<sup>th</sup> of their student population.

Quintal asked if No Child Left Behind will continue. Backler stated that there is a 5 year transition to common core standards. NECAP assessment is here for the next 3 years. Quintal asked about Race to the Top. Backler explained what he is involved in at this time and the expectations will come from the common core standards.

Bousquet explained the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and its reauthorization as No Child Left Behind.

Bousquet explained that this school has received incredible amounts of comments about the use of technology, the increase in student performance, and the respect that it now receives.

Plourde presented a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed budget and copies were distributed to the public.

Some highlights of the presentation:

Milan is now exceeding the state average in reading and math on NECAP results.

Demographics:

192 students from preschool to high school for this year, only 181 students for the next school year

MVS enrollment is 91 for this year and next year.

Special Ed students are at 19%, next year is 18%

Out of district placement is projected to be 0 next year

Total budget is increasing by \$12,596 to \$3,077,968.

Proposed Salaries:

Teacher salaries: On-step: 2.7% step increase only

Teachers who are off step and Administrators: 0% increase

Support Staff: increase of 1.5%

Increase in Psychological, Speech, OT increases by \$21,500, partially due to a decrease in IDEA funds.

Decrease in Purchased Services – SPED Out of District Tuition decrease by \$132,450.

Budget broken down by cost per student:

(91 students) 54% students (MVS) \$6280.

(21 students) 12.6% students (BMS) \$13,609.

(55 students) 32.9% students (BHS) \$11,901

Revenues:

School building aid \$66,500

Tuition from Dummer \$192,165

Interest \$1,200

Services provided LEA \$14,000

Community services recreation \$7,000

Federal forest revenues \$5,046

Medicaid \$30,000

Lunch program \$37,000

Grants \$120,000

Total revenues \$ 472,911

Plourde explained the history of fund balance to reduce taxes and its relationship to the net change in the proposed tax rate of \$2.34.

The proposed 2011-2012 Operating Budget will be \$2,915,968 with an increase of .8% (\$24,296) from this year's budget.

Plourde introduced the withdrawal study. Some citizens input has been to make MVS a K-8 school, forming a cooperative, choice for MS/HS (Berlin, GRS Cooperative, Groveton – public schools only - not private) Plourde explained the Withdrawal Study requirements must have the following: 2 Milan school board members, 2 Berlin school board members, 2 Milan selectmen, and a nonvoting superintendent. Quintal asked about who would pay for transportation. Lamontagne stated that there is a lot of work if parents are not interested in change. Plourde explained that Milan is currently in a 5 year AREA with Berlin, and it is time to start the process. Fortin asked who determines the cost per pupil. Plourde explained it comes from the state formula. Quintal asked if there is a break if part of an AREA. Plourde stated there used to be a discount, but not now. Morse asked for clarification of how the tuition rate is set. Plourde said it is based on how much we actually spend, grant money, Title money with the removal of equipment, tuition and transportation costs are removed.

Plourde explained an innovative program with Neil Tennenbaum. Students are serviced at WMCC working on an on-line course work for credits. Currently have 7 students enrolled with 4 more graduating in June. There have been 5 students who have graduated with a 20 credit state diploma. This program is for students who do not do well in a traditional classroom setting. This program has reduced our out-of-district placement tuition. Morse asked if it is a rolling enrollment. Bousquet replied that it is, and as soon as they have their 20 credits,

then another space is available. Fortin asked why the Enriched Learning Center is so expensive. Plourde and Bousquet commented that their pupil/teacher ratio is low.

Plourde asked for additional comments and questions.

III. Public Input – Public thanked Plourde for the presentation.

IV. Adjournment

Shute closed the hearing at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer  
Recorder for the School Board

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I. Call to Order

Shute called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

II. Approval of January 4, 2011 Minutes

**Motion made by Pouliot to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 2-0-1 (Pouliot abstained). Motion approved.**

III. Public Comments – none

IV. Written Communications

- Berlin School Board Minutes
- Thank You-Steve Gordon
- Milan Citizen Input

V. SPED Director's Report

Board looked over the written report

VI. Principal's Report

Backler stated that NECAP and winter MAPS test results are in. Will be meeting with each teacher and will be looking at each student and their progress and that their needs are being addressed.

PBIS is moving along. Student council is developing the initiatives. Backler explained the common core standards. Currently only have 1 red student. Backler stated that the gentleman who designed PBIS looked up MVS's data and expressed his amazement at Milan's success.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- Fuel Oil Bids – Bousquet explained there is a 2 hour window to lock in a bid, and it changes 2 -3 times a day. He is hoping to lock the price in below \$3.00.
- Engineering Paving Proposal presented to the Board from H. E. Bergeron Engineers. Bousquet asked if the Board would like to proceed and get the money from the building and grounds capital reserve fund. Board asked for a presentation by Jay Poulin, and then a public hearing at the next meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Bousquet will prepare information for the AREA Agreement and procedures for the next meeting. Shute asked to have three townspeople on the committee.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

- 2011-2012 School District-Warrants-Budget  
Plourde presented the Warrants for the Board to sign once they adopt.

**Motion made by Pouliot to adopt the Warrant Articles and Budget as presented. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.**

- Current Year Budget Report for Board to review. No comments.

- Health Insurance  
Plourde explained she is reviewing bids from different health insurance companies.

**Motion made by Pouliot to allow Bousquet to make a decision on accepting bids on a health insurance plan on behalf of the Board. Motion seconded by Evans. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.**

- Deputy School District Treasurer  
Bousquet read the RSA 197:24-a Deputy Treasurer

**Motion made by Evans to accept the Lynn Dube as the Deputy School District Treasurer. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.**

IX. Non Public Session

X. **Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 2011 following a public hearing.**

Monday, March 7, 2011- Annual School District Meeting 7:00 PM

XI. Other

Bousquet explained the procedure for early release tomorrow.

XII. Adjournment

**Motion made by Evans to adjourn. Motion seconded by Pouliot. No discussion. Vote: 3-0. Motion approved.** Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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