

Warrant Committee

December 17, 2015

12th meeting

Present: Warrant Committee Members Ted Hays (Chair), LeeMichael McLean (Secretary), Jean Eckner, Betty White, Jonathan Schindler, Steve McCurdy, Brian Beaupre, Michael Maholchic, Philip Mathews, Jim Potter and Darnell Turner.

Absent: Richard Boehler, Chuck Karimbakas

Guests: MPH Superintendent Mary Gormley, Assistant Superintendent Janet Sheehan and Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dr. Glenn Pavlicek; School Committee members Michael Zullas (Chair), Becky Padera (Vice Chair), LeRoy Walker and Sheila Egan Varela.

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. in the Milton Public High School Cable Access TV studio, room 245.

2. Chair Hays welcomed attendees. Printed copies of the school budget were distributed.

3. Mr. Zullas began the Milton Public Schools budget presentation with a description of Milton Schools' attributes, followed by challenges and needs. He and Ms. Gormley presented two budget proposals: Mandated Costs (anticipated adjustments, contracts and other obligations), and "Needs-Based" (highest priorities).

4. Ms. Gormley and Dr. Pavlicek explained mandated costs: Special Education (SPED), New Partners Classroom, preschool, salaries, wage agreements, instructional supplies, non-recurring spending, technology, maintenance, extended learning programs, and contracts (including transportation, legal services, technology, professional development, facilities, maintenance and supplies). The needs-based budget included restoration of prior reductions (art/music/PE/health), increased learning opportunities for targeted populations, enhanced learning opportunities and tuition-free full day kindergarten. A history teacher, vice principal and two SPED educators are needed, as well as additional support in the nursing, arts, music, PE and health departments. STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math), after school programs, athletics, space constraints and state reimbursement for tuition-free kindergarten were discussed.

5. Ms. Sheehan explained the importance of increased learning opportunities for targeted populations and Ms. Egan Varela discussed the potential override and impact of budget cuts.

6. On a motion by Member McLean, seconded by Member Maholchic, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by
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