

MILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

May 2, 2006

Following duly published notice, the Milton School Committee convened a special meeting at 5:30 pm. on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 in the conference room of the Superintendent at Milton High School. The following members were present: Paul Hogan, Chairman, Beirne Lovely, Vice Chairman, Christopher Huban, Laurie Stillman, Mary Kelly and Lynda-Lee Sheridan. Also present were Superintendent Giffune and Assistant Superintendents Gormley and Hilton.

The first order of business was to discuss the contingent and non-contingent school department's budgets which had been presented for consideration at the Milton Annual town Meeting. The Superintendent reported upon her meeting earlier in the day with David Colton, the town Administrator, Kevin Mearn, the Police Chief, Malcomb Larson, the Fire Chief and Walter Heller, the Director of Public Works. She explained that the unanimous consensus arising out of that meeting was that the proposed contingent budget, as recommended by the Warrant Committee, be reduced by approximately \$550,000, of which, \$330,000 was to come from the School Department budget, and \$220,000 was to come from the Town side of the budget. The members discussed such proposals and the various ways in which the potential override questions might be presented to the Milton voters. Following such discussion, Mr. Lovely proposed the following resolution.

RESOLVED: That the Milton School Committee agrees to a reduction of its proposed contingent budget by the amount of \$330,000.00 and to support the reductions of \$220,000 proposed on the Town side of the contingent budget; provided, however, that each of the following conditions precedent be met:

1. The Board of Selectmen agree that the Town side of the contingent budget be reduced by \$220,000.00;
2. That, subject to approval by the Town Meeting of the proposed revised contingent budget, the Board of Selectmen agree to place a single override question to the voters under Proposition 2 ½ in the amount of approximately 2.45 million dollars with respect to the proposed contingent budget;
3. That the Board of Selectmen vote to place the override question on the ballot on a date which precedes the scheduled end of the Milton Public School year; and
4. That the Board of Selectmen vote to actively support and recommend the passage by the Milton voters of such an override question.

The School Committee then moved the location of its meeting so as to join the Warrant Committee and the Board of Selectmen on the lower floor of the High School at the already convened Warrant Committee meeting. The School Committee members then explained its

proposal to the Warrant Committee and the Selectmen and discussed with the Warrant Committee and the Selectmen the resolution that had just been passed unanimously by the School Committee. It was then agreed by the Selectmen and the School Committee that they would continue a joint meeting immediately following the adjournment of that evening's Town's Meeting session.

The School Committee then moved the location of its meeting to the Town Meeting floor in the High School auditorium. Following the adjournment of the Town Meeting, all members of the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen reconvened in joint session in the Superintendent's conference room. Also present were the Town Moderator (Mr. Walsh), the Chair of the Warrant Committee (Ms. Conlon) and the Town Administrator (Mr. Colton).

The members of the School Committee and the Selectmen then discussed the resolution which had been passed unanimously by the School Committee earlier that evening. Following extensive discussion of whether the Board of Selectmen would agree with the School Committee's proposal, Mr. Mullen, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, indicated that he would require some additional incentive in order to agree with the School Committee's conditions. He indicated that he would have to be assured of the following:

1. That the School Committee would consider in good faith a plan to renovate and redevelop the 1909 Wing;
2. That the School Committee would actively investigate the possibility of up to 100 children attending the Milton Public Schools who were not residents of the Town of Milton and to further review the procedures which the Milton Public Schools follows in respect of such matters.

Mr. Lovely stated that it would be impossible and inappropriate for the School Committee to agree in advance to any plan to renovate and redevelop the 1909 Wing until a reasonably detailed plan containing financial information and reasonable details regarding such renovation and redevelopment were presented in writing to the School Committee.

Following further discussion of those present, Mr. Lovely proposed the following resolutions which were each duly seconded and unanimously approved by the entire School Committee:

RESOLVED: That the School Committee hereby undertakes to the Board of Selectmen that when and if a formal plan is presented to it with respect to the potential renovation and redevelopment of the 1909 Wing, the School Committee will, in good faith and consistent with its fiduciary duties to the residents of the Town and its taxpayers, consider and discuss such a plan.

RESOLVED: That the School Committee hereby undertakes to the Board of Selectmen that it will review carefully all procedures which the school department follows with respect to monitoring and enforcing the requirement that only Milton residents be entitled to enroll and attend the Milton Public Schools and, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, to meet with them to discuss such procedures and to

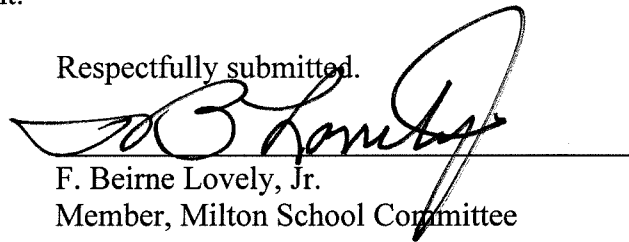
entertain and consider any evidence indicating that non-Milton residents are enrolled and attending the Milton Public Schools.

Following further extensive discussion, Mr. Shields moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the presentation of a single override question under Proposition 2.1/2 in the amount of \$2.45 million, undertake to actively support the passage of such override question, and take the necessary action to place such question on the ballot prior to the end of the regularly scheduled Milton Public School year.

Such motion was seconded by Ms. McEttrick and thereafter unanimously approved by all three selectmen.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Milton School Committee then adjourned the meeting at approximately 12 pm. Midnight.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Beirne Lovely, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

F. Beirne Lovely, Jr.
Member, Milton School Committee