

**SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 28, 2024
Veterans Memorial Building Room 229
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rosenfeld called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The following persons were present Chair Ellen Rosenfeld, Vice Chair Erin Underhill, Clerk Craig Schultze, Town Administrator Mike Guzinski, Assistant Town Administrator/HR Manager Karen Bouret DeMarzo and School Superintendent Robert Mullaney.

II. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS/HEARINGS

Chair Rosenfeld reviewed the timeline of how they arrived at this override question being put back on the ballot this fall.

24-208 School Presentation: Proposition 2 ½ Override Ballot Question/Special Town Meeting Article

School Superintendent Bob Mullaney gave a presentation regarding the Proposition 2 ½ override ballot question. He began by stating the Chapter 70 funds which are state aid for education is a flawed formula. The calculations define Millis as a wealthy town that is responsible for funding more of its education budget through town contributions, Millis is responsible for funding 82% of its educational budget. The formula is made up of many calculations including taxable property in Millis, an average of all income of town residents, etc. State funding has declined, and all covid money has ended, therefore Millis residents have had to make up the difference. Mr. Mullaney then began reviewing the Impact of the FY25 cuts including exact positions, exact classes, and exact programs. The Board discussed they are hopeful that there could be regionalization, but it would take years to solidify.

III. OPEN SESSION ITEMS

24-143 Discuss 11/19/24 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The Board discussed the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles in depth.

Sel. Underhill made a motion for the Board to endorse Articles 1-18. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion. Sel. Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze – yay, Underhill – yay, Rosenfeld – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Underhill made a motion for the Board to not endorse Articles 19. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion. Sel. Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze – yay, Underhill – yay, Rosenfeld – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Sel. Underhill motioned to adjourn at 8:48pm. Sel. Schultze seconded the motion. Sel. Rosenfeld polled the Board, Schultze – yay, Underhill – yay, Rosenfeld – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Schindler