

MINUTES OF THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
KINGSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FEBRUARY 8, 2017

The Meeting was called to order by Richard “Rick” Russman at 7:10 PM, held at the Sanborn Regional High School Auditorium at 17 Danville Road in Kingston, New Hampshire.

Moderator opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the public.

Moderator announced that all non-registered voters must be seated in the upper balcony. In addition, there would be no discussion on Article 1 and would be moved forward to the ballot as printed.

Before the session, Voters’ Petition for paper secret ballot was submitted to the Moderator on article #3, #10, #12 and #13.

The Petition was accepted by the Moderator and submitted to the School District Clerk for filing.

Moderator read article 2

Article 2: Shall the reports of school district agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen be accepted and placed on file?

Motion made to move question by Annie Collyer and seconded by James Doggett.

Moderator with no further discussion on article 2, it will appear on the ballot as printed.

Moderator read article 3

Article 3: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote at the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirty Three Million Six Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$33,695,968)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Thirty Four Million Seven Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$34,723,540), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Sanborn Regional School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.)

Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 5 Opposed: 3

No Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 5 Opposed: 2

Operating Budget Estimated Tax Impact

Kingston: \$(.02)/\$1,000 Newton: \$.05/\$1,000

Default Budget Estimated Tax Impact Kingston:

\$.72/\$1,000 Newton: \$.89/\$1,000

Motion made to move question by Annie Collyer and seconded by Corey Masson.

Moderator asked any questions or comments on article 3

Annie Collyer, Chairperson for the Budget committee demonstrated a slide presentation on the budget and explained each line item.

Corey Mason, Chairman for the School Board, acknowledge the Superintendent on his School Administration Association Superintendent of the Year award and Brian Stack 2017 NH Secondary Principal of the Year award. Also, thanked Carol Coppola, Business Administration for her support and help throughout this process. He continued the presentation with the budget along with a handout, which was offered to all voters at the time of session.

Barry Gluck made a motion to add \$500,500.000 back into the budget, seconded by Jason Faria.

Barry Gluck made a point on how different the two presentations were. He understands how difficult it is to put together a budget. He continued telling the voters that by adding this amount back in it meets the numbers half way.

Michael Giordano, a high school senior who is also the student Representative on the School Board. Michael spoke against the cuts stating that the students are scared. A female student asked him if one million dollars is cut from the budget how is she supposed to succeed. I hope you consider the impact on the students.

Taryn Lytle stated that after reading minutes and listens to the presentations the observation she has made is you can choose the information you want to put up to share. She takes Public Education to heart and the Teachers have been working ½ their years without a contract. The Superintendent of the Year and Principal of the year I would say that these people have gone above and beyond for administration this year. Terry has been looking at jobs that are available and there are 16 in New Hampshire, which means that the District is going to be competing with other Districts. The negativity and not passing the teachers' contract will only hurt our kids. Our Teachers should not be out at the polls holding signs please support us, which are embarrassing to see at voting. My opinion, Mr. Gluck has put together a great proposal with the amended to the budget. My final thought everyone is looking for a bargain kids eat junk food because it taste good and cheaper, but in the long term it is bad in the long run.

James Fitzpatrick commented on the budget last year and spending is funding the District, the numbers are going down, and fundamental spending is shifting. Children being proficient in Math that would be an achievement that is what I would like to see. Structurally we need to address this not just with the school but it is all about the community support.

Danielle Paris would like to comment that she feel there is a conflict with presented is the students math scores are low, but we wont to cut the Math Coordinator, students and teachers are leaving the district, but we don't see a reason to hire a Public Relations person, and the teachers' contract needs to pass.

Kurt Baitz spoke on his concern of where the committees stand, which I never thought we would bring Washington to the Sanborn District. I worked hard to bring Fremont back here, and build up the School Board for years; I am sick and tired of the bickering back and forth. It really needs to stop.

Sandra Maida spoke in support of the teachers' contract and the Swasey campus article. Please keep my neighbors, who are struggling to make ends meet and may vote to reject the teacher's contracts and improvements to the Swasey gym to be able to afford the budget; it would be a shame if these articles do not pass

Moderator told the voters that it was time to vote on the amendment to article 3 as presented to add the \$500,500 back into the proposed amount, making the budget at 34,196,468.

Using K on your yes and no's please vote 258 YES, 183 NO, the yes vote carries.

Moderator announced that the article 3 will be amended on the ballot.

Moderator read article 4

Article 4: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement for professional staff reached between the School Board and the Sanborn Regional Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
1 2016-2017	\$ 0
2 2017-2018	\$ 502,882
3 2018-2019	\$ 545,094

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$502,882) for the 2017-18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels?

*Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Recusal: 1
Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Abstention: 1 Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.41/\$1,000 Newton: \$.46/\$1,000*

Motion made to accept by Janice Bennett and seconded by Peter Broderick

Janice Bennett spoke in support of article 4

English Teacher, Evan Czynowski commented supplying the crowd with information for article 4.

Moderator if there are no further discussion article 4 will appear as printed

Moderator read article 5

Article 5 shall the Sanborn Regional School District if Article 4 is defeated; authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only? *Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 1*

Motion made to accept article by Nancy Ross and seconded by Tammy Gluck

Moderator with no further discussion on article 5 it will appear on the ballot as printed

Moderator read article 6

Article 6 Shall the Sanborn Regional School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement for support staff reached between the School Board and the Sanborn Regional Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
1 2017-2018	\$ 71,153
2 2018-2019	\$ 75,786

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$71,153) for the 2017-18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels?

Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0
Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.06/\$1,000 Newton: \$.06/\$1,000

Motion to accept article made by Corey Masson and seconded by Nancy Ross

Corey Masson presented a slide showing support for article 6

Moderator with no further discussion on article 6 it will appear on the ballot as printed

Moderator read article 7

Article 7 Shall the Sanborn Regional School District if Article 6 is defeated; authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only? *Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 1*

Motion made by Pam Brown seconded by Nancy Ross

Moderator with no further discussion on article 7 it will appear on the ballot as printed

Moderator read article 8

Article 8 Shall the Sanborn Regional School District enter into conversations about and potential negotiations with the Town of Kingston for the sale of some or all of the old high school campus parcel located at 178 Main Street?

Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board in Favor: 7 Opposed: 0

Motion made to accept by Peter Broderick and Annie Collyer

Peter Broderick spoke briefly on the article stating it was to see the interest and then past the floor over the Debbie Powers.

Deb Powers spoke in support of the article asking the town is going to support the Commission in negotiations. There is a lot of interest with knowledgeable and educated volunteers to help with this project. We just want to know if the voters are in support of negotiations before a lot of hard work is started. We have a good possibility of revitalizing the whole Kingston village area not having it be a loss and expense.

Moderator with no further discussion on article 8 it will appear on the ballot as printed

Moderator read article 9

Article 9 Submitted by petition: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$167,460 (One hundred sixty-seven thousand four hundred sixty dollars) under this Special Warrant Article for the purpose to complete ADA compliance capital improvements at the Swasey Gym and Chase Field House as recommended and adopted by the School Board in the 2018 year of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022?

Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0
Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.14/\$1,000 Newton: \$.15/\$1,000

Motion made to accept article by Annie Collyer and seconded by Cheryl Gannon

Bart Noyes asked if it is going to be Kingston or other qualify person

Peter Broderick answered it is just to talk right now, as far as I know with Kingston, we will see where that goes and then report back to see next step.

Annie Collyer spoke in support of the article.

Bart said ok depending on the wording I was going to make an amendment.

Peter Broderick spoke that it is with Kingston I far as he knows.

Moderator if no further discussion on article 9 it will appear on the ballot as printed.

Moderator read article 10

Article 10 Submitted by petition: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$161,300 (One Hundred Sixty One Thousand Three Hundred dollars) under this Special Warrant Article for the purpose to complete Window and Blind replacement improvements at the Middle School as recommended and adopted by the School Board in the 2018 year of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022?

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 5 Opposed: 3

Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.14/\$1,000 Newton: \$.15/\$1,000

Motion made to accept article by Annie Collyer and seconded by Cheryl Gannon

James Baker stated that we need a real plan to spend the Capital Reverse Fund.

Jim Doggett stated that a number of article pass could have built a new Newton Fire Station we are spending time talking about window and blinds, frankly if it caught on fire no one would be there to put it out. People are saying that the Newton Fire Chief condemned that building and that is a lie.

Cheryl Gannon spoke in support of the article adding that it is 39 years old, construction of the window are not double hung, there is a window issue if that building needed to be evacuated it would be a safety issue.

Kyle McManus commented that he has been in the construction business for 30 years and his daughter goes to that school. He is not saying that the window should or shouldn't be replaced but for \$161,300 for a 5 year plan this is a life savings issue. It is not appropriate to through a bandage on the problem.

Tammy Gluck stated that the Capital Improvement Project Plan is on the website and on page 13 talks about the windows stating that the window are not in compliance and are a fire hazard.

Corey Masson commented that this building could have collapsed last year it has trust issues. I was a heavy child and I could have never fit through those windows if I need to evacuate.

Moderator if there is something new to add I will hear it but if not we are moving forward.

Moderator confirmed no more discussion on article 10 it will appear on the ballot as printed.

Moderator read article 11

Article 11 Submitted by petition: On behalf of the Sanborn Ice Hockey Team board & registered voters of Kingston & Newton, shall the Sanborn School District raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$9,800.00) to partially fund the High School hockey team. These funds will be used to cover away game transportation; provide coaching staff funds; game official fees; and athletic dues/fees. The hockey team is now in its fifth season, third playing varsity. All seasons thus far have been funded solely through the hockey boosters club fundraising. We, as citizens, feel that the expenses listed above should be funded through the school budget just the same as all other sports. (This article provides funding for varsity ice hockey with an additional \$14,000 of funding to come from Sanborn Ice Hockey Boosters Club.)

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 7 Opposed: 1 Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 1

Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.01/\$1,000 Newton: \$.01/\$1,000

Motion made to accept article by John Leblanc seconded by Kevin Holt

John LeBlanc made a motion to change the wording of the article and seconded by Kevin Holt

The amendment to change the article to read as follows: On behalf of the Sanborn Ice Hockey Team board & registered voters of Kingston & Newton, shall the Sanborn School District raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$23,800) to fund the High School Hockey Team with Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$9,800.00) to be raised by taxation and Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14000) to come from fund raising by the Sanborn Ice Hockey Boosters Club. These funds will be used to cover away game transportation; provide coaching staff funds; game official fees; and athletic dues/fees. The hockey team is now in its fifth season, third playing varsity. All seasons thus far have been funded solely through the hockey boosters club fundraising. (This article provides funding for varsity ice hockey with an additional \$14,000 of funding to come from Sanborn Ice Hockey Boosters Club.)

John Leblanc spoke on support of the article 11 stating that the Hockey Team varsity members have increased.

Moderator asked if you are in favor of amending the article please say so by saying I if you are opposed please say so by stating No. I's carry article will be amended.

Moderator read article 12

Article 12 Submitted by petition: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate funds in the amount of \$573,200 for the purpose of capital improvements as recommended and adopted by the School Board in the 2018 year of the 5-year Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022 for the Swasey Gym and Chase Fields, except for the ADA compliance contained in a separate warrant article?

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0

Not Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor:6 Opposed:1

Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.46/\$1,000 Newton: \$.53/\$1,000

Motion made to accept the article by Annie Collyer and seconded by Peter Broderick

Barry Gluck made a motion to amended to article to read \$1, Kevin Holt seconded

James Baker commented that making it \$1 is a great deal for not funding it but this goes back to Capital Reverse projects.

Jason Faira commented that Clarification is needed because it ties the hand of the School District for an exact amount for a project. If you hire a contractor and run into complications with the project the amount is the amount.

James Baker spoke against changing the article to \$1 and comments that these are 2 different articles.

John Leblanc Spoke against the petition article stating that it over loads the voters. It also ties the hands of the School Board on spending

Kevin St James commented that the District has a legal counsel on the panel and he would like to know what she feels about changing the article to \$1.

Legal Counsel, Ms. Gorrow answered that it is legal either way.

Motion made to change the article to read \$1 by Bruce Goodwin, seconded by Jennifer Goodwin

Moderator instructed that using L on your yes and no cards please vote on changing the article to read \$1

Results of secret vote 124 Yes 46 No

Moderator declare that article 12 will be amended on ballot to read \$1

Moderator or read article 13

Article 13 Submitted by petition: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$369,730 (Three hundred sixty-nine thousand seven hundred thirty dollars) under this Special Warrant Article for the purpose to complete capital improvements at the Memorial, Bakie and Middle Schools, with the exception of the windows and blinds that are contained in separate warrant article, as recommended and adopted by the School Board in the 2018 year of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022?

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 6 Opposed: 2

Not Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 4 Opposed

Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.29/\$1,000 Newton: \$.34/\$1,000

Motion made to accept article by Annie Collyer and seconded by James Doggett

Barry Gluck made a motion to amend the article to \$1 and seconded by Deb Powers

Barry Gluck moved to amended both of these warrant articles, which had appropriated \$573,200 for improvements to the gym and fields and \$369,730 for schools, lowering appropriated funds to just \$1

Bart Noyes would like to make a motion to strike not to exceed in the verbiage and make it like article 13.

Janice Bennett commented that the Capital Improvement is on the website

Cheryl Gannon was taken out of order by the Moderator

Nancy Ross spoke on articles that the CIP was first determined the School Board came to agreement to place 2 articles in to the voters. Now there is 2 petitions article that have been submitted and she feels that will confuse the voters and that was not there intentions.

Kim Detour spoke against the process and felt discourage in the process and felt she was losing control as a voter.

Moderator instructed that using M on your yes and no cards please vote on changing the article to read \$1 and strike not to exceed.

Results of secret vote 115 Yes 37 No 1 Blank

Moderator declare that article 13 will be amended on ballot to read \$1, and strike not to exceed.

Moderator read article 14

Article 14 Submitted by Petition: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the Sanborn Regional School District Budget Committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (three-fifths majority vote required). *Not Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 1*

Motion made to move the article by James Doggett and seconded by Charlton Swasey.

Moderator confirmed no more discussion on article 14 it will appear on the ballot as printed

Meeting adjourn at 12:03 AM

Submitted by



Melissa Beal
School District Clerk