

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

February 17, 2014

6:00 PM

A Public Hearing was held by the Sanborn Regional School Board on Monday, February 17, 2014. The meeting was held at the Sanborn Regional Middle School, Newton, NH.

Dr. Blake opened the Public Hearing stating that the Public Hearing was required by law in regards to Warrant Articles 7 and 8. The Public Hearing was held for the community input and for the School Board and Dr. Blake to clarify any questions.

Warrant Article #7 Rescind Senate Bill 2 (SB2) (RSA 40:14-VII)

By petition of 25 or more registered voters: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Sanborn Regional School District on March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by law? (3/4 majority vote required.)

Mr. Jim Baker of Newton asked what is the intent of rescinding SB2? Dr. Blake responded that its intent is to get more community people involved in the process. Mr. Baker stated that he was concerned that a small amount of people will control the meetings. Mr. Jamie Bezanson of Newton stated it was naïve to think that people are not educated if they don't attend the Deliberative Session. Mr. Bezanson stated this is a step backwards, not progressive. Ms. Karen O'Malley of Newton stated she is opposed to rescinding SB2, that it's a step back to the old way. Ms. Annie Collier of Newton stated that she watched the Deliberative Session on the internet. She feels that the internet is valuable. She figured out how she is going to vote. Ms. Rebecca Hallisey of the School Board said she changed her vote after the Deliberative Session. Before the Deliberative Session she was in favor of rescinding SB2, but after the meeting and listening to the public discussion, she changed her vote to be against rescinding SB2. Ms. Bezanson stated he didn't feel this warrant article was well thought out.

Warrant Article #8 Tax Cap

By petition of 25 or more registered voters: To see if the Sanborn Regional School District will adopt the provisions of RSA32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body of the Sanborn Regional School District shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes based on the prior year's actual amount of local taxes raised by more than 10%? (3/5 majority vote required.)

Dr. Blake explained that the original warrant article called for a tax cap of 2.5%. It was changed to 10% at the Deliberative Session.

Mr. Baker asked if that meant the School Board could spend more than 10% - No. Taxes could not be increased by more than 10%.

An informal discussion was held regarding Warrant Article 4 – Fund Balance Retention.

At 7:10 PM, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the **Personnel Committee** will be held on Wednesday, **March 5, 2014, at 6:00 PM**, Room 137 at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 7:00 PM, Room 137 at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

The next regular meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 7:00 PM, Room 137 at the **Sanborn Regional High School, Kingston.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc
School Board Secretary

Minutes of the School Board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the School Board.