

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
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SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 3, 2015

Moderator Steve John called the meeting to order at 9:41 AM and read out the warning :

The legal voters of the Town School District of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 9:10 AM to consider and act upon the following Articles:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator.

Motion made to amend Article 1 to include "for a one year term" to comply with State law.

Moved and seconded that the article include "for a one year term".

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

(Amended)Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a one year term.

Steven John nominated and seconded.

Moved and seconded that the nominations be closed, and that the Clerk cast a single ballot.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Steve John elected Moderator for a one-year term.

Article 2: To elect one School Director for a three-year term.

Moderator John noted the polls will be open on Tuesday, March 3th, 2015 from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing one School Director by Australian Ballot. Douglas Korb introduced himself and is running for the position unopposed.

Article 3: To see what compensation the Town will vote for Marlboro School District Officers.

Motion made & seconded to set compensation for School Board members at previous year amount of \$100/year each.

Discussion followed:

~School Board Chair Jen Carr noted that the current budget has returned the allocated compensation at \$1,000 per year.

Prior motion withdrawn to set compensation at \$100/year but a new motion made to set compensation at \$1,000 per year.

Discussion followed.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Compensation for School Board members set at \$1000/year each.

Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

So moved and seconded.

Discussion followed.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Directors are authorized to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 5: To see if the voters of the Marlboro School District authorize the school board to expend \$2,697,898 to defray expenses and liabilities for the 2015-2016 school year.

So moved and seconded.

Discussion followed.

~School Board members Jen Carr & Wayne Kermenski took the dais, but Will Brooke-deBock was absent. Jen thanked 5th/6th grade teacher David Holzapfel for his many years of service, followed by a standing ovation. Jen noted that the salaries scale for the teachers has been re-vamped to be more in line with the rest of the supervisory union. This new scale allows new teachers' pay to rise more quickly but then with more service flattens out in an effort to make positions at MES attractive since more staff retirements are imminent.

Other points included:

- > Special Education & Health Insurance costs down from last year.
- > Investment in updating technology (computers) but also to keep budget level as possible.
- > Possible future cost sharing of Special Education at a supervisory union level.
- > Building will be needing capital improvements in the near future but the bond for the Outback has now been payed off.
- > Wayne will be stepping down to take a principal position, so the School Board will appoint someone later in March to serve until the next election.

~Jonathan Morse asked about biomass boilers and grant money available to improve the heating system.

~Tom Toleno asked if the School Board was aware of consolidation issues, Jen said yes and recalled the January meeting with Brad James, Becca Balint & Emily Long.

~Richard Dror asked about the technology costs, and Principal Francie Marbury spoke to the need for a plan to keep technology current.

~Edith Thomas thanked the Board for doing all the things the voting body asked them to do last year.

~Sophie Dennis thanked the Board for the transparency they are showing and making sure the community has full access to the details of their decisions and that the public can be informed if they choose to.

Discussion ended.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Directors are authorized to expend \$2,697,898 to defray expenses and liabilities for the 2015-2016 school year.

Article 6: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

So moved and seconded.

Discussion followed.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Directors are authorized to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

Article 7: To transact any other legal business that may come before the Meeting.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn the School Meeting.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.

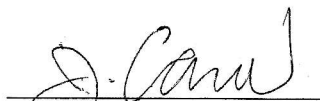
Respectfully Submitted,



Forrest Holzappel, Town Clerk



Linda Peters, Justice of the Peace & Treasurer



Jen Carr, Chair School Board