

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
The State of New Hampshire

March 11, 2009

At 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2009, Walter Liff, Acting Moderator, called the annual meeting of the New Castle School District to order in the Macomber Room of the New Castle Library, in the county of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire.

Moderator Liff, reviewed the proper rules to be used at the meeting.

The Moderator read Article 1: To see if the New Castle School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$1,828,225 for the support of school, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for statutory obligations of the District. The School Board recommends \$1,828,225. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

There was discussion pertaining to Article 1: Lorn Buxton, asked if there was state funding (economic stimulus package) available to offset the school budget. Jim Katkin, Business Administrator of SAU 50, responded that \$24,000 is available; however, the rules for accessing this have not been determined at this time. An additional question was raised by Norman Houle. He asked if IDEA funding was available for special education. Jim Katkin answered that IDEA funds are for supplementing the budget not supplanting Special Education services. There were no further discussions on this article. The article was moved by Walter Liff; seconded by Clint Springer. The article passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Moderator Liff read Article 2: To see if the New Castle School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the New Castle School Board and the New Castle Teachers Organization which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2009-10	\$35,713
2010-11	29,280

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,713 (Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars) for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Majority vote required.) (Note: The appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article number 1, the operating budget article.)

There was discussion pertaining to Article 2: Clint Springer, acknowledging the increase in this year's budget over a term of two years, requested that in the future salary contracts

with the Teachers Organization be considered on a yearly basis. There were no further discussions on this article. The article was moved by Mile Armitage; seconded by Clint Springer. The article passed on a unanimous voice vote.

There was no action taken on Article 3 due to the passage of Article 2.

Article 3: Shall the New Castle School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only. (Majority vote required.)

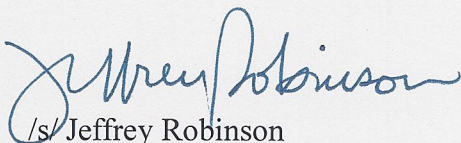
Moderator Liff read Article 4: To see if the New Castle District will vote to create an expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of renovating, maintaining and performing professional studies to the Maude H. Trefethen School. Further to raise and appropriate "up to" \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) and authorize the use of the amount from the June 30th unreserved fund balance (surplus) available to transfer on July 1st of this year. Furthermore to name the New Castle School Board as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) (Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article number 1, the operating budget article.)

There was discussion pertaining to Article 4: Norman Houle asked if the building proposal was a result of unfunded mandates and will the money allocated for Article 4 be used for renovating existing class spaces or to further study the proposal. Rod MacDonald answered that the funds from the Grounds Expendable Trust were to be used strictly to determine if expansion is needed. Norman Houle further asked if the School Board had considered moving the sixth grade to Rye as a space-saving measure. Rod MacDonald stated that it had been considered, however, it was not part of any future plans for the school.

There were no further discussions on this issue. The article was moved by Walter Liff; seconded by Clint Springer. The article passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Moderator Liff asked to hear any reports of agents, auditors, committees and/or officers theretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating hereto. There were no reports.

Moderator Liff asked for adjournment. On a motion by Rod MacDonald, seconded by Clint Springer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


/s/ Jeffrey Robinson
School District Clerk