

New Castle School District Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2017 – New Castle, NH
(original meeting date March 14, 2017)

THOSE PRESENT:

School District Moderator: Michael Traister

School Board Members: Randall Lynch
Anne Pinciario
Richard Spaulding

School Business Administrator: Jim Katkin

School District Clerk: Julie M. Whitehouse

Attendance: about 40

Kelli Killan – Assistant Superintendent
David Latchaw – MHT School Principal
Salvatore Petralia – Superintendent SAU 50
Jane Lannon – School District Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER – Michael Traister at 6:02 PM EST.

Moderator's welcome.

Introduction of Members of School Board and Business Administrator

2017 New Castle School District Meeting Rules

Rules presented by Moderator, as follows:

- 1) Only registered voters will be recognized Exceptions for expert opinions. Other exceptions only after simple majority consent. If there are amendments, it is important that the thing being amended is clear, so we vote accurately on the subject matter. This has to be in writing sent prior to the meeting.
- 2) Any request to reconsider an article must be made immediately following the announcement of the results of the vote on the original article. Simple majority required.
- 3) Spirited discussion is encouraged as an integral part of the process. Please stick to the issue.
- 4) Amendments must be in writing and legible. An amendment will be discussed and voted on separately before being fully incorporated into the article for consideration.
- 5) Anyone asking to "move the question" is really asking to end discussion. A two-thirds vote is required to end discussion.
- 6) In fairness to all citizens we will limit anyone wishing to speak to a motion to two times.

An exception may be made if addressed by another voter for clarification.

Selectmen and other officials with a particular expertise on the subject are an exception so long as they are speaking in their public capacity and not voicing a personal opinion.

7) Any motion to table, whether for a period definite or indefinite, may be debated, amended, or reconsidered and requires a simple majority.

8) Except as modified by the above rules, Roberts Rules of Order shall serve as our rules of procedure for this assembly.

*Rules were passed unanimously

Moderator presented and read aloud Article 1 as follows:

ARTICLE 1: 2017-2018 Operating Budget

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of **\$2,033,390 (Two Million Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars)** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.) (NOTE: This warrant article [operating budget] does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.)

The New Castle School Board recommends this operating budget. (Vote 3-0)
The New Castle Budget Committee recommends this operating budget.

Public Comments:

Jim Katkin: Explained the budget in detail.

Petition presented to have Article 1 vote be a raise of hands vote.

Questions pertaining to ARTICLE 1:

1. Ryan Russman - Move the question.
2. Jane Lannon – Second.

Motion duly moved and seconded.

Article 1 was approved by majority vote.

ARTICLE 2 – Add to Building & Grounds Expendable Trust Fund

To See if the New Castle School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars)** to be placed in the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund previously established: with fundings to come from June 30, 2017 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. NO amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.) (NOTE: This warrant article is in addition to warrant article 1, the operating budget article.)

The New Castle School Budget recommends this warrant article. (Vote 3-0.)
The New Castle Budget Committee recommends this warrant article.

Public Comments:

Dick Spaulding: Mr. Lynch has been assigned the chairman of the building and grounds committee.

Mr. Lynch: Explained this is not a new trust fund. This was created in 2009 at \$15,000. Added to in 2010 and 2015. Current balance is at \$194.87. The account has been depleted at this time. All other SAUs have a similar Trust Fund. Although renovations have recently been completed, there are things that do crop up. Looking at Capital Improvement plan.

Questions pertaining to ARTICLE 2:

1. Mike (New Castle Resident) - Move the question.
 2. Ryan Russman – Second.
- Motion duly moved and seconded.

Article 2 was approved by majority vote.

ARTICLE 3 – Discontinuance of Tuition Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the New Castle School District will vote to discontinue the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund created at the March 9, 2005 Annual School District Meeting. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, approximately \$38,000 (Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars) are to be transferred to the New Castle School District's General Fund. If this article fails then Article 4, is null and void. (Majority vote required).

The New Castle School Board recommends this warrant article. (Vote 2-0)
The New Castle Budget Committee recommends this warrant article.

Questions pertaining to ARTICLE 3:

1. Ryan Russman - Move the question.
 2. New Castle Resident – Second.
- Motion duly moved and seconded.

Article 3 was approved by majority vote.

ARTICLE 4 – Establish Tuition Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the New Castle School District will vote to establish a Tuition Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, for the meeting of the expenses of unbudgeted tuition students and to raise and appropriate up to \$38,000 (Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars) to come from the remaining June 30, 2017 unassigned fund balance to be placed in this fund: further to name the New Castle School Board as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote require.) (NOTE: This appropriate is in addition to Warrant Article 1, the operating budget article.)

The New Castle School Board recommends this warrant article. (Vote 2-0)
The New Castle Budget Committee recommends this warrant article.

Questions pertaining to ARTICLE 4:

1. Ryan Russman - Move the question.
 2. Jane Lannon – Second.
- Motion duly moved and seconded.

Article 4 was approved by majority vote.

Public Comments:

Thanks to treasurer, Jane Lannon for explaining Article 3 & 4 in detail with a handout.

Question (Mr. Springer): Someone could move into town middle of the year, would you pay for the continue tuition of that child's school?

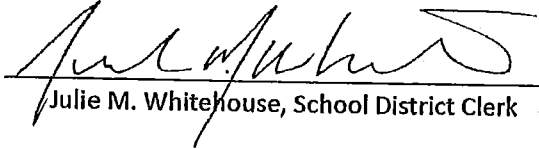
Answer (Mr. Katkin): The prior warrant article did not single out Portsmouth High School (PHS) and Rye Middle School (RMS). The need to change the warrant article for the expendable trust fund was to allow for us to pay for

tuition to Portsmouth Middle School (PMS) in addition to RMS and PHS. By discontinuing Article #3, and voting on Article #4 will help this. If coming in from another school it will not be approved.

ADJOURMENT

1. Ben Lannon motion to adjourn.
2. Jane Lannon motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM EST.

Signed:  Date: 4/21/17
Julie M. Whitehouse, School District Clerk

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