

Surry School District
Annual Meeting
March 21, 2013
MINUTES NOT YET APPROVED

Call to Order – 7:00PM

Present: Nancy Callender, Moderator

Tim Peloquin, Chair

Bonny LaRocca, Secretary

Frank Buffum

Caroll Lothrop

Rebecca Russo, Treasurer, Assistant District Clerk

Also Present – Ken Dassau, SAU 91 Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance

Nancy Callender – Read the election results from March 12, 2013. Bonny Nadeau LaRocca was re-elected to one 3-year term, and John Davis was elected to one 3-year term.

Article 1 – Report of District Officers

To hear the reports of the District Officers

Motion, Bruce Smith, Second, Matt Barrett

No Discussion, Reports accepted as written. Article Passed

Article 2 – Main Budget of \$1,469,900

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,469,900 for the support of schools for the payment of salaries for the School District Officials and Agents, and for the payment of the Statutory Obligations of the District for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

Motion, Chris LaRocca - Second, Matt Barrett

Robert Beaudine questioned the discrepancy between the numbers on the budget offered to the residents (copied on the back of the warrant passed out) and that in the actual warrant (a difference of \$1340). No explanation could be given. Bruce Smith moved to amend the figure to that on the budget that was offered during the meeting. Wayne Brown seconded. The Article Amendment was passed and the original Article was amended to read a main budget of \$1,468,560. No further discussion. The Main Budget was passed, reading \$1,468,560.

Article 3 – Transfer of Unused Funds up to \$30,000

To see if the Surry School District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) of its June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2014 to be deposited in the Expendable Trust Fund (Special Education and Tuition Trust Fund) established by the voters of the District in March, 2009.

Motion, Steve Goldsmith - Second, Robert Beaudine

No Discussion, Article Passed

Article 4 – Petitioned Warrant Article

To see if the Surry School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 to be donated to the Surry Village Charter School to support the public education of approximately 19 residents expected to attend the Surry Village Charter School for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion, Alex Prescott, Second, Patrick Rilling

Matora Fiorey addressed the article. Tim Peloquin responded for the School Board. David Lane responded for the Budget Committee. Both Peloquin and Lane stated that adjustments in rent would be a better course of action than a check donation, primarily because it is a separate entity from the Surry School District and we are under contract with Keene for 20 years to tuition our children to no other school entity. Frank Conroy spoke in favor of SVCS. Frederick Bretton asked why \$95,000 and what would it go towards. Matora Fiorey said that equaled the cost of tuition for Surry Students and that it would cover the SVCS deficit. Bill Russell noted that this would open up the possibility of other residents who choose alternatives the Keene School District to ask for money, the SSD would be unable to exercise oversight of how that money would be used, and this money will clearly go to support students from other towns. Robert Beaudine pointed out this might be an annual request, and the town risks a lawsuit from the Keene School District. Russell Fiorey spoke in favor of the SVCS, saying having a school in town is why we withdrew from Monadnock. Steve Goldsmith asked if

SVCS has approached the state regarding funding, as this is a state created entity. Matora Fiorey responded that they have. Gretchen Warren pointed out that the town does support the school by maintaining the building, and that the town is liable for all major system failure. Larry Laveque expressed concern regarding breaking contract law, and noted that Surry withdrew because Monadnock was treating our town unfairly. Tim Peloquin responded to several of the points that residents and Matora Fiorey made. Matora Fiorey responded to Tim Peloquin and the points of several of the residents. Matora Fiorey made a motion to lay the article on the table. Bruce Smith seconded. Nancy Callender answered several procedural questions by the residents, notably that the article would die at the cessation of the meeting if it is successfully tabled and not raised again for discussion. 111 in favor, and 9 opposed. The motion to lay the article on the table passed.

Article 5 – Terms

To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

David Lane applauded Matora Fiorey's motion to lay the article on the table for the sake of the town and its unity. Roger Bienvenue thanked the SSB for their service. Jay Croteau thanked Nancy Callender for moderating the meeting.

Motion to terminate the meeting, Bruce Smith - Second, Wayne Brown - No Discussion, Meeting Ended – 8:03PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca H. Russo
Assistant District Clerk