

**Surry School District
Annual Meeting
March 18, 2010**

Call to Order – 7:00PM

Present: Tim Peloquin, Chair; Mark Gross, Vice Chair; Bonny LaRocca, Secretary; Frank Buffum; Rebecca Russo, Treasurer, Deputy District Clerk

Also Present: Ken Dassau, SAU 38 Superintendent; David Hodgdon; Assistant Superintendent; Nancy Callender, Moderator

Pledge

Article 1--Report of District Officers

Motion, D. Lane – Second K. Callender

Accepted reports as written in the Town Reports. N. Callender read through the results of the SD Election.

Article Passed

Article 2 – Main Budget.

Motion, C. Larocca – Second, D. Lane

M. Gross discussed the article.

Surry has an almost purely variable budget given the nature of our school district. The Town of Surry pays a set rate of tuition per student. Special Ed rates are about 3x the regular rate. We take the number of students we have within the town and multiply out those numbers with the set tuition rates to find what we must set aside. Budget is also used for maintenance of the school, administrative services, transportation. In Monadnock, we were subsidizing, as opposed to now paying, a set rate per child. There are a number of children rising up through the ranks to enter the school district at a later time (especially 4 year olds), so we can reasonably expect taxes to go up commensurately. No further discussion. **Article passed.**

Article 3 – Expendable Trust Fund

Motion, K. Callender – Second, J. Boudy

M. Gross discussed the article.

A child with special education needs could possibly move to town. In order to “cushion the blow,” we are wise to set aside a goal of \$200,000. Last year plus this year’s \$50,000 will equal \$150,000. No further discussion. **Article passed.**

Article 4 – Capital Reserve Fund

Motion, C. LaRocca – Second, J. Boudy

M. Gross discussed the article.

We repurchased the Surry School Building from the SAU. It is prudent to set aside funds for any major repairs that will be needed. As the SVCS is using the building, they have been a good source of information for which repairs are and will be needed in the future. We want to cushion the town from any large expenditures within one year. Fund will total \$40,000 if this article passes. No further discussion. **Article passed.**

Article 5 – Contingency Fund

Motion, K. Callender – Second, C. LaRocca

M. Gross discussed the article.

Any funds that are not used within this year will be returned to the town, as happened last year, resulting in lower tax rates. It is customary for school districts to have some sort of contingency fund. No further discussion. **Article passed.**

Article 6 – SAU #38 Budget

Motion, K. Callender – Second, C. LaRocca
M. Gross discussed the article.

It is a difficult situation at the SAU. Though we withdrew from the MRHS School District, we did not withdraw from the SAU. After we withdrew, though the members of the SAU have not been very friendly, the professionals there have been very accommodating. It would seem appropriate, says Gross, to support the SAU by voting in the affirmative. By the margin that it lost within the larger SAU, our vote ultimately will not matter. After some further clarification on this point for the town, a secret ballot is required to vote on this article. **Article passed with (23 - yes) and (0 – no).**

Article 7 – Terms

Motion, K. Callender – Second, C. LaRocca

M. Barrett and D. Lane asked for clarification on the article. Would it be worth staggering the elections for one position to open up each year? K. Callendar noted that all of the positions are all up for reelection each year as it is, so if an office holder steps out early, we are left with needing to fill multiple offices. C. LaRocca asked if any of the current office holders had comment. T. Peloquin said that it was one of the office holders who requested the article. No further discussion. Secret ballot is required to vote on this article. **Article passed with (23 – yes) and (0 – no).**

Article 8 – Catchall Article

No discussion

Motion to Adjourn, D. Lane -- Second, K. Callender
Meeting Adjourned - 7:39PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca H. Russo
Deputy District Clerk