

Surry School District  
Annual Meeting - March 16, 2017  
MINUTES NOT YET APPROVED

Call to Order – 7:00PM

Officers Present:

Nancy Callender, Moderator

Frank Buffum

Caroll Lothrop

Bonny LaRocca

John Davis

Rebecca Russo, Treasurer, Assistant District Clerk

Officers Absent: Tim Peloquin

Also absent: Ken Dassau, SAU Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance

Article 1 – Report of District Officers

To hear the reports of the District Officers

Motion, Bruce Smith. Second, Fred Fosher.

No Discussion, Reports accepted as written.

Article Passed.

Article 2 – Main Budget of \$1,770,053

To see if the Surry School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,770,053 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 for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. The School Board and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Motion, David Lane. Second, Bruce Smith.

Caroll Lothrop briefly summarized how the School Board came to the proposed figure.

Article passed unanimously.

Article 3 - Shall the Surry School District accept the provisions of RSA 195-A (as amended) for the Surry School District to join an A.R.E.A. school located in Keene which serves grades 9 through 12 in a plan which currently includes the school districts of Chesterfield, Harrisville, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, Stoddard, and Westmoreland, all in accordance with the provisions of the plan on file with the district clerk?

Motion, Bruce Smith. Second, Matthew Barrett.

Caroll Lothrop briefly summarized why the School Board believes this is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the Town of Surry. The town would save a small percentage annually on its tuition bill in exchange for binding the town to Keene Middle School and High School.

Bruce Smith asked about what he read in the RSA, questioning if the RSA would bind the town to undesirable obligations in the future, especially if the town felt that it wanted to get out of the agreement.

Article passed without opposition.

Article 4 - Shall the Surry School District accept the provisions of RSA 195-A (as amended) for the Surry School District to join an A.R.E.A. school located in Keene which serves grades 7 and 8 in a plan which currently includes the school districts of Chesterfield, Harrisville, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, Stoddard, and Westmoreland, all in accordance with the provisions of the plan on file with the district clerk?

Motion, Laura Barrett, Second, Jay Croteau.

Caroll Lothrop stated that this article is identical to Article 3, but for grades 7 and 8.

Article passed without opposition.

Article 5 - Shall the Surry School District create an area school planning committee consisting of Surry School Board members John Davis, Tim Peloquin and Bonny LaRocca to study the advisability of forming a 6th grade A.R.E.A. in accordance with RSA 195-A.

Motion, Bruce Smith. Second, Josh Brooks

Bruce Smith asked for clarification on this Article. Because there is no area agreement for any other town involving the 6th grade, laws stipulate that both Keene and Surry must create school planning committees.

Article passed without opposition.

Article 6 - Terms.

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

No other matters raised.

Motion to dissolve the meeting, Bruce Smith. Second, Jay Croteau.

No Discussion, Meeting Ended – 7:16PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca H. Russo  
Assistant District Clerk