

**WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD
DELIBERATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2020
WINCHESTER GYMNASIUM**

Board Members Present: Kevin Bazan, Lindseigh Picard, Valerie Cole, Tina Perkins and Ailliea Carle
Administration Present: Ken Dassau, Valerie Carey, Mary Henry and Ian Spencer
Moderator, Henry Parkhurst
School Board Attorney Alison Minutelli

The Moderator reviewed the rules and called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

The Moderator read Article One and introduced the candidates to be on the ballot. The candidates stood to be recognized.

ARTICLE ONE: To elect two (2) members to the School Board for three (3) year terms

ARTICLE TWO: Shall the Winchester School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the 2020-21 school year, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$12,840,830.00** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$12,770,574.00** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Winchester School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

- **The School Board does recommend this appropriation 3-0**
- **The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 4-1**

L. Picard MOVED to approve Article Two in the amount of \$12,840,830; SECONDED by: K. Bazan

Tyke Frazier MOVED to amend Article Two in the amount of \$11,270,000; SECONDED by: Brandon James Day;

VOTE on Amendment to Article Two: 99 – yes - 72 – no; by Paper Ballot – MOTION PASSED.

VOTE on Article Two as Amended: 95 – yes - 68– no; by paper ballot – MOTION PASSED.

H. Parkhurst declared the Amended Warrant Article passed.

Jim Tetreault advised the group if they are making any motions, the Secretary and Clerk need the name of those making it and seconding it.

Laura Aivaliotis advised she would have made a Motion then to reconsider.

Henry Parkhurst advised if you support the School Board Appeal vote yes, if you don't support it, vote no.

VOTE to appeal the Vote on Article Two: 50 – yes, 96 – no, MOTION FAILED.

MOVED to restrict reconsideration of Article Two by Paper Ballot – VOTED: 102 – Yes, 54 –No, 1-blank ballot; MOTION PASSED.

H. Parkhurst advised Article Two will go to the printers as amended.

B. Kilanski MOVED to skip the order of Warrant Articles and go to Article Six now; SECONDED by: Chester LaPointe

K. Bazan advised there are reasons the Warrant Articles are on the ballot in this order. Imperative – thinks everyone in this room needs to be here for Article Three.

Vote to skip the order of the remaining Warrant Articles and go to Article Six now by Standing Vote: 75 – Yes - 46 – No: MOTION PASSED.

Henry Parkhurst advised the group they will take up Article Six now.

ARTICLE SIX: Shall the Winchester School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 for the purpose of making the following building and infrastructure improvements: Replacement of gym roof, chimney repair/removal at Thayer, completion of third floor renovations at Thayer, convert Thayer and middle school HVAC to propane systems. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of an anticipated one time increase in state adequacy funding (the so-called Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid) in the amount of \$550,000; if such funds are not received from the state, or if less than \$550,000 is received from the state, then this article shall not take effect.

The School Board does recommend this appropriation. 3-0

The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation. 5-0

Roberta Frazier and Margaret Sharra withdrew their Motion and Second.

K. Bazan MOVED TO AMEND Article Six in the amount of \$750,000; SECONDED by: L. Picard

VOTE on Amendment on Article Six by VOICE VOTE: MOTION FAILED.

VOTE on Article Six as presented by VOICE VOTE: MOTION FAILED.

Theresa Sepe MOVED to restrict reconsideration of Article Six; SECONDED BY: Ben Kilanski, by VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSED.

Ben Kilanski MOVED to proceed with the rest of the Articles – MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Sherman Tedford MOVED to dispense with the reading of Articles Three, Four, Five and Seven and approve Articles as printed; SECONDED by: B. Kilanski, by VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE THREE: Shall the Winchester School District vote to approve the cost items included in the two year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Winchester School Board and the Winchester’s Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries at the current staffing?

The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits (Social Security) under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

YEAR 2020-21

Wages	\$ 28,790.24
Benefits (Social Security & Disability Ins.)	\$ 3,966.86
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 32,757.11</u>

YEAR 2021-22

Wages	\$ 24,197.86
Benefits (Social Security & Disability Ins.)	\$ 1,916.47
Total	\$ 26,114.33

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,757.11** for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement?

- **The School Board does recommend this appropriation 3-0**
- **The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 5-0**

ARTICLE FOUR: Shall the Winchester School District, if article #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #3 only? (Majority vote)

ARTICLE FIVE: Shall the Winchester School District approve the cost item resulting from negotiations between the Winchester School Board and the Winchester Support Staff Association related to providing health insurance coverage for members of the bargaining unit and which results in the following benefit costs at the current staffing levels?

Year 2020-21

District cost of single health insurance plan at 85% of premiums:	\$240,759.00
District cost of deductible at \$500 per member/per year:	\$ 18,500.00
Total cost for 2020-21:	\$259,259.00

Year 2021-22

There is no negotiated change in the District share of premiums or deductibles. The only change would be an increase/decrease in the premium rates set by the insurance carrier which cannot be estimated at this time.

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$259,259.00** for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the costs for benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement?

The School Board does not recommend this appropriation. 3-0

The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. 5-0

ARTICLE SEVEN: Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$25,000** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2020 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020?

- **The School Board does recommend this appropriation 3-0**
- **The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 5-0**

ARTICLE EIGHT: Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** to be placed in the Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Majority vote required).

- **The School Board does recommend this appropriation 3-0**
- **The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 5-0**

K. Bazan MOVED to approve Article Eight and move it to the ballot, SECONDED by: Chester LaPointe,

K. Bazan MOVED to amend Article Eight in the amount of \$140,000, SECONDED by: L. Picard

Vote on Amendment on Article Eight in the amount of \$140,000– by Voice Vote: too close to call.

Vote on Amendment on Article Eight in the amount of \$140,000– by Standing Vote; 38 – Yes – 60 – No: MOTION FAILED.

K. Bazan MOVED to amend Article Eight in the amount of \$100,000; SECONDED by: L. Picard

Vote on Amendment on Article Eight in the amount of \$100,000 by Standing Vote; 47 – Yes, 55 - No: MOTION FAILED.

Brandon Obitz MOVED to approve Article Eight as presented; SECONDED by: Brandon James Day, VOTED: by STANDING VOTE – 65 – Yes – No - 25; MOTION PASSED.

Brandon James Day MOVED to restrict reconsideration of Article Eight; SECONDED by: Todd Kilanski, VOTED: by Standing Vote: 64 - Yes, 23- No; MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE NINE: Shall the Winchester School District receive the reports of its agents, auditors, committees and officers?

ARTICLE TEN: Shall the Winchester School District vote to transact any other business as may lawfully come before the meeting?

Miriam Johnson MOVED to approve Article Nine and Article Ten and move them to the ballot, VOTED by Standing Vote: 91 - Yes, No – 0, MOTION PASSED.

Chester LaPointe MOVED to restrict all Articles that haven't already been restricted; SECONDED by: Ben Kilanski, by Standing Vote: 77 - Yes, 8 – No, MOTION PASSED.

Moderator Henry Parkhurst recessed the meeting at 11:09 pm until March 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
Winchester School Board Secretary

Jim Tetreault,
School District Clerk

