

**SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

January 25, 2017

A special meeting of the Sanborn Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by Sanborn Regional School Board Chairperson, Corey Masson. The following were recorded as present;

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Corey Masson, Chairperson
Nancy Ross, Vice Chair
Jan Bennett
Dr. Pamela Brown
Peter Broderick
Sheila Pierce
Tammy Gluck (via Skype)
Michael Giordano-Student Council Representative

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools
Carol Coppola, Business Administrator

The meeting began with a Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Masson welcomed the Public and apologized for the late start due to a previous Non-Public meeting that ran over.

REVIEW AGENDA

The following changes were made:

- Move Warrant Article #3 to the end of the discussion.

WARRANT ARTICLE REVIEW/DISCUSSION AND VOTE

ARTICLE 4. Professional Staff Agreement
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Shall the Sanborn Regional School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement for professional staff reached between the School Board and the Sanborn

Regional Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
1 2016-2017	\$ 0
2 2017-2018	\$ 502,882
3 2018-2019	\$ 545,094

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$502,882) for the 2017-18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing level?

Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Recusal: 1
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.41/\$1,000 Newton: \$.46/\$1,000

**Motion made by Ms. Bennett to accept Article #4 as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Ross.
Vote: 6 in Favor, 1 Abstention**

ARTICLE 5. Special Meeting- Professional Staff

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only?

Motion made by Ms. Bennett to accept Article #5 as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Ross.

Confusion voiced by some members about the meaning of this Article prompted Dr. Blake to explain that per legal counsel, having a special meeting allows the School Board and the Bargaining Unit the opportunity to go back to the table if the article fails. Ms. Coppola added that it would involve another Deliberative Session and polls to determine the outcome. Dr. Brown commented that her vote would be “no” on this as she feels the Professional Staff Contract is perfectly reasonable and that approving this Article has the potential for litigation. Mr. Broderick agrees with Dr. Brown. Ms. Coppola adds that legally the money can still be appropriated in the budget. Ms. Gluck approves of this Article saying it is great to have another chance to discuss it. **Vote: 6 in Favor, 1 Opposed.**

ARTICLE 6. Support Staff Agreement

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement for support staff reached between the School Board and the Sanborn Regional Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
1 2017-2018	\$ 71,153
2 2018-2019	\$ 75,786

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$71,153) for the 2017-18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels?

Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.06/\$1,000 Newton: \$.06/\$1,000

Motion made by Ms. Bennett to accept Article #6 as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Ross. Vote: 7 in Favor, 0 Opposed

ARTICLE 7. Special Meeting-Support Staff

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only?

Motion made by Ms. Bennett to accept Article #7 as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Ross. Vote: 6 Favor, 1 Opposed.

ARTICLE 8. Swasey Gymnasium & Chase Field House

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$167,460 (One hundred sixty-seven thousand four hundred sixty dollars) under this Special

Warrant Article for the purpose to complete ADA necessary ADA renovations for toilets, building entrances and signage to the Swasey Gymnasium and Chase Field House?

Motion made by Ms. Ross to accept Article #8 as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Gluck. Discussion ensued about the similarity to Petition Warrant Article #14. Dr. Blake commented that legal counsel recommends the School Board withdraw Article #8 and retain the citizen's petition. Discussion ensued about the difference in the 2 warrants.
New Motion made by Nancy Ross to withdraw Article #8. New Motion is seconded by Dr. Brown. Vote: 5 in Favor, 2 Opposed. Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 9. Windows and Blinds at the Sanborn Regional Middle School

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$161,300 (One Hundred Sixty One Thousand Three Hundred dollars) under this Special Warrant Article to replace windows at the Middle School?

Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.14/\$1,000 Newton: \$.15/\$1,000

Motion made by Ms. Gluck to accept Article #9 as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Pierce. Discussion ensued on similarity to Citizen's Petition Article #15. Dr. Blake commented that legal counsel recommends withdrawing Article #9
New Motion made by Mr. Broderick to withdraw Article #9. Motion seconded by Dr. Brown. Vote: 6 in Favor, 0 opposed, 1 Abstention. Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 10. Enter into Conversation With The Town of Kingston To Sell The Old High School Campus

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District enter into conversations about and potential negotiations with the Town of Kingston for the sale of some or all of the old high school campus located at 178 Main Street?

Motion made by Ms. Ross to approve with change (to include "some or all") in title. Motion seconded by Ms. Pierce. Vote: 7 in Favor, 0 Opposed.

ARTICLE 11. Sanborn Ice Hockey team

Submitted by petition: On behalf of the Sanborn Ice Hockey Team board & registered voters of Kingston & Newton, shall the Sanborn School District raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$9,800.00) to partially fund the High School hockey team. These funds will be used to cover away game transportation; provide coaching staff funds; game official fees; and athletic dues/fees. The hockey team is now in its fifth season, third playing varsity. All seasons thus far have been funded solely through the hockey boosters club fundraising. We, as citizens, feel that the expenses listed above should be funded through the school budget just the same as all other sports. (This article provides funding for varsity ice hockey with an additional \$14,000 of funding to come from Sanborn Ice Hockey Boosters Club.)

***Not Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 7 Opposed: 1
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.01/\$1,000 Newton: \$.01/\$1,000***

Motion made to accept Article #11 as written made by Ms. Ross. Motion seconded by Ms. Pierce. Mr. Giordano commented that the team works hard to scrape money together. Ms. Pierce commented that she was initially opposed to this but as they were self-funded at the JV level, but now is in favor due to the Varsity level costing more. Ms. Ross is not comfortable with the language as it seems to assume they should be funded (the second to last sentence beginning, "We as citizens.....") Mr. Masson suggests that a request be made to remove that sentence.

Vote: 6 in Favor, 1 opposed

ARTICLE 12. Capital Improvements -Swasey Gym and Chase Fields

Submitted by petition: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate funds in the amount of \$573,200 for the purpose of capital improvements as recommended and adopted by the School Board in the 2018 year of the 5-year Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022 for the Swasey Gym and Chase Fields, except for the ADA compliance contained in a separate warrant article?

***Not Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 8 Opposed:
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.46/\$1,000 Newton: \$.53/\$1,000***

Motion made to not recommend Article #12 made by Ms. Bennett. Motion seconded by Ms. Ross. Discussion about the initial Capital Improvement Plan ensued with Mr. Broderick asking

why this was put into the CIP. Mr. Masson answered that we needed a plan that was all encompassing and it is not feasible to do all of it. Ms. Bennett commented that the Board took out what we needed (ADA compliance) and Ms. Ross agreed. Dr. Brown commented about how the public would view this and what they do next year as they won't support a CIP but will support Warrant Articles.

Vote: 6 in Favor, 1 opposed

ARTICLE 13. Capital Improvements-Memorial, Bakie and Middle Schools

Submitted by petition: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$369,730 (Three hundred sixty-nine thousand seven hundred thirty dollars) under this Special Warrant Article for the purpose to complete capital improvements at the Memorial, Bakie and Middle Schools, with the exception of the windows and blinds that are contained in separate warrant article, as recommended and adopted by the School Board in the 2018 year of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022?

***Not Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 6 Opposed: 2
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.29/\$1,000 Newton: \$.34/\$1,000***

Motion to not recommend Article #13 made by Mr. Bennett. Motion seconded by Ms. Ross. Dr. Brown commented that she supports the ADA upgrades. Mr. Giordano would like to see it and others support it. Ms. Coppola commented that it is a lot for the maintenance staff to do in the summer. **Vote: 4 in Favor, 3 opposed. Motion Carries.**

ARTICLE 14. ADA Improvements-Swasey Gym and Chase Field House

Submitted by petition: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$167,460 (One hundred sixty-seven thousand four hundred sixty dollars) under this Special Warrant Article for the purpose to complete ADA compliance capital improvements at the Swasey Gym and Chase Field House as recommended and adopted by the School Board in the 2018 year of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022?

***Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.14/\$1,000 Newton: \$.15/\$1,000***

Motion made by Ms. Bennett to accept Article #14 as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Ross. Vote: 7 in Favor, 0 Opposed.

ARTICLE 15. Middle School Window and Blind Replacement

Submitted by petition: Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$161,300 (One Hundred Sixty One Thousand Three Hundred dollars) under this Special Warrant Article for the purpose to complete Window and Blind replacement improvements at the Middle School as recommended and adopted by the School Board in the 2018 year of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022?

***Not Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 5 Opposed: 3
Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.14/\$1,000 Newton: \$.15/\$1,000***

Motion made to accept Article #15 as written by Ms. Ross. Motion seconded by Ms. Bennett. Dr. Brown commented that she is not opposed to deferring this for a while based on her conversation with the Newton Fire Chief. Ms. Pierce and Mr. Masson cite recommendations from building code experts and those working in the building.
Vote: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstention. Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 16. Default Budget

Submitted by Petition: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the Sanborn Regional School District Budget Committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (three-fifths majority vote required).

Motion made to not recommend Article #16 made by Ms. Bennett. Motion seconded by Ms. Ross. Mr. Giordano reads the policy stating the School Board role and involvement. Mr. Masson comments that it flies in the face of supporting education.
Vote: 6 in Favor, 1 opposed

ARTICLE 3. Operating Budget

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, 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 at the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirty Three Million Six Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$33,695,968)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Thirty Four Million Seven Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred

Forty Dollars (\$34,723,540), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Sanborn Regional 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. (This warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.)

Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 5 Opposed: 3

***Operating Budget Estimated Tax Impact
Kingston: \$(.02)/\$1,000 Newton: \$.05/\$1,000***

***Default Budget Estimated Tax Impact
Kingston: \$.72/\$1,000 Newton: \$.89/\$1,000***

Motion made to not recommend Article #3 by Ms. Bennett. Motion seconded by Ms. Gluck.

Extensive discussion ensued over the Operating Budget and the Proposed Budget.

Dr. Blake expressed his disappointment at the way the Budget Committee approached the budgeting process saying in essence, that their decision to eliminate two positions was based on personal vendettas and that some of their decisions were made arbitrarily.

Vote: 5 in Favor, 2 Opposed.

Mr. Masson reviewed the Deliberative Session line-up of School Board warrant articles and assigned board members willing to speak/represent the respective articles.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Policy Up-date-** Ms. Ross had one policy (IJK) related to the Instructional Use of Movies for a first read. **Motion made to accept first read by Ms. Bennett and seconded by Dr. Brown. Vote: All in Favor.** Ms. Ross introduced the second read of Policy CD (Administrative Personnel) and Policy JHR (High School Attendance Policy). **Motion made to accept second and final read of CD and JHR by Dr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Gluck.** Discussion and suggestions around JHR. **Motion made to accept changes on second read of JHR by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Dr. Brown. Vote: All in Favor.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Sanborn Regional School Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Sanborn Regional High School Board Conference Room, #137** at 17 Danville Road in Kingston, NH.

The **Filing Period** for positions on the Sanborn Regional School Board, the Sanborn Regional Budget Committee and the District Moderator will open on **Wednesday, January 25, 2017**, and ends on **Friday, February 3, 2017** at 5:00 p.m.

The candidate filing forms may be obtained at the SAU Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The School District Clerk will be available on the last day to file from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the SAU Office located at the Sanborn Regional High School, 17 Danville Road, Kingston.

The **First (Deliberative) Session** of the Annual School District Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Sanborn Regional High School.

The **Second (Voting) Session of the Annual School District Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the **Swasey Gymnasium** (Sanborn Seminary Campus) for Kingston voters and in the **Newton Town Hall** for Newton voters.

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Masson asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 PM, moved by Ms. Ross and seconded by Ms. Pierce. **Vote:** All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Phyllis Kennedy
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the School Board meetings are unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting of the School Board.