

Winnacunnet Cooperative School District

Deliberative Session Minutes – 2021

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Winnacunnet High School Auditorium, Hampton NH
Deliberative Session February 4, 2021 Minutes

The twenty-fifth deliberative session of the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District Meeting held in accordance with RSA 40:13 was called to order by School District Assistant Moderator, Christopher Muns on February 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This will be the only meeting before the warrant articles are voted on Election Day, March 9, 2021.

The Assistant Moderator led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then gave the rules of the deliberative session and advised that he will read each Warrant Article. Matt Ferreira will be called on to explain the articles.

Article 01 Operation Budget

Shall the 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 of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$28,770,668? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$28,979,335 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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. (Majority vote required.)

Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles.

Recommended by the School Board: 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0

MOTION by Henry Marsh, Seconded by Leslie Lafond to move Article 1 for discussion.

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Matt Ferreira began by thanking the School Board and the Budget Committee for bringing forth a budget that achieves the primary mission of providing an excellent education experience for the students, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. He explained that the budget represented a slight increase of 0.66% from the prior year and is \$208,667 less than the default budget. He also stated that the budget includes over \$1.41 million in increases due to legally mandated or contractual obligations. Matt discussed some of the items that attributed to these increases as well as some of the reductions that are included to offset some of the contractual increases.

Being no further Discussion, Article 1 shall appear on the ballot as written.

Article 02 HVAC Upgrades

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 325,000 to continue the HVAC replacement project at Winnacunnet High School? This appropriation will be used to upgrade the HVAC systems at the Technology Education Building. This project is part of the facility plan adopted by the school board. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or June 30, 2024, whichever is earlier. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the School Board: 5-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee:
6-0

MOTION by Henry Marsh, Seconded by Leslie Lafond to move Article 2 for discussion.

Matt Ferreira gave the background and an explanation of the Article. He stated that the project is part of the ongoing HVAC replacement project. He explained the need for bringing this Article forth.

Being no further Discussion, Article 2 shall appear on the ballot as written.

MOTION by Tony Delano Seconded by Leslie Lafond to restrict reconsideration of Articles 1 and 2. Motion Passed.


Article 03 Other

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. There was none.

The Assistant Moderator announced the candidates that would be on the Ballot on March 9, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Shirley Doherty, School District Clerk on February 6, 2021.



Shirley Doherty, School District Clerk