

**Hampton Falls School District**

**Annual Meeting; Deliberative Session Minutes – 2021**

**Winnacunnet High School Auditorium, Hampton NH**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.**

School District Moderator: J. P. Pontbriand

School District Clerk: Mary Gargiulo

School Board Members:

Greg Parish, Chair

John Bailly, Vice Chair

Jason Farias, Anthony Lang, and Jill Swasey; School Board Members

Administration:

Caroline Arakelian, Interim Superintendent

Legal Counsel: Attorney Robert Casassa of Casassa Law.

**Call to Order**

J.P. Pontbriand called the Deliberative Session of the Hampton Falls School District to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator welcomed the audience of approximately 2 registered voters, and introduced himself, School Board members, Administration and Legal Counsel, School District Clerk: Mary Gargiulo.

The Moderator acknowledged and expressed appreciation to the Supervisors of the Checklist: Lyn Stan, and Eileen Baker, and Ballot Clerk Karen Sabatini.

The warrants for this meeting have been properly posted and signed. This is a meeting of the School District and is known as an SB2 meeting, which means that this district has adopted a system “whereby all matters coming before the legislative body are given their final vote by means of the official ballot.”

The purpose of tonight’s meeting is for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot. This first session consists of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Amendments to articles will be voted on at this meeting. We will not vote on the articles themselves. After debate on each article, the article will be placed on the official ballot.

The Moderator reviewed his rules for the meeting.

The Moderator noted the change in venue for the March Town Election from the Town Hall to the Lincoln Akerman School (LAS)

**Recognition:**

Greg Parish gave recognition to departing School Board Vice Chair John Bailly, five retiring teachers from LAS and praised the LAS principal, Beth Raucci, for school safety during the COVID19 pandemic.

**The Moderator introduced Article 01 Operating 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 \$6,867,251. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,819,053., 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.

The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

**No discussion. Article 01 moves to ballot as read and written.**

**The Moderator introduced Article 02 Special Education Expendable Trust**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be added to the existing Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with up to \$25,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

**No discussion. Article 02 moves to ballot as read and written.**

**The Moderator introduced Article 03 Building Maintenance Expendable Trust**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the existing Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with up to \$50,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.) The School Board recommends this article.

Vote: 5-0

**No discussion. Article 03 moves to ballot as read and written.**

**The Moderator introduced Article 04 School Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be added to the existing School Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund, with up to \$25,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.) The School Board recommends this article.

Vote: 5-0

**No discussion. Article 04 moves to ballot as read and written.**

There were no further Articles to introduce.


The Moderator closed discussion with a reminder about the change in venue for the March town election from the Town Hall to the LAS.

Greg Parish, Chair, moved to close the 2021 Deliberative Session at 7:32 P.M.

Anthony Lang, School Board Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully,



Mary Gargiulo

School District Clerk