

OUUSD SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

Oxbow High School Auditorium

June 17, 2019

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM by Scott Labun, Moderator
 - A. Those present were welcomed
 - B. The Moderator announced that the meeting was being recorded
 - C. Larry Coffin was appointed as Parliamentarian
 - D. The Moderator noted that this body does not approve minutes. Minutes will be completed within seven days of the meeting and will be approved by any 2 of the following: Moderator, Board Chair, Justice of the Peace.
 - E. Only residents of Newbury or Bradford are entitled to vote.
 - F. Rules around amendments were reviewed
- II. Article I
 - A. Motion by Derek Williams, seconded by William Ellithorpe to move Article I
 - B. Motion by Marvin Harrison, seconded by William Ellithorpe to suspend voting on this article and postpone voting for 30 days to allow for time for the Supreme Court to rule on the pending Court Case
 1. Moderator ruled this motion out of order
 2. Motion by Sukie Knight, seconded by Judith Lerner to overrule the Moderator
 - A. Comment by Derek Williams in opposition of the motion to overrule the Moderator, urging the voters to put students first
 - B. Comment by Paul Jewett in support of the motion to overrule the Moderator, asking for patience to give time for Supreme Court to rule on the lawsuit.
 - C. Brian Schlager asked for information on the consequences of adjourning this meeting.
 - D. By voice vote, the ruling by the Moderator was upheld
 - C. Amendment proposed by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Brian Schlager that the correct budget figure should be \$16,312,935 instead of \$16,287,560. Questions were asked, and clarification was given by Supt. Emilie Knisley and Business Manager Lori Blood
 - D. Amendment voted on by voice vote, and it was ruled too close to call. It was then voted by holding up the voting card, and the amendment passed.
 - E. An amendment was proposed by Bud Haas, seconded by Abigail Perge-Clausten that a sum of \$15,000 be added to the budget for the following purpose: that \$5K should be allocated to each of the three schools to form a council, appointed by the principal, to prepare the budget.
 1. Bill Ellithorpe: thinks that adding money without knowing where it will be spent is inadvisable.
 2. Amendment voted on and was defeated by voice vote.
 - F. A motion was made and seconded to suspend the discussion and call for a vote on the motion. The motion was passed by a two-thirds vote.

I. The motion, as amended, was to authorize the School District to expend \$16,312,935 for the ensuing year. There was a request for ballot vote, but it was not upheld by 7 voters. The motion was voted on and was passed by voice vote

III. Article II

A. Motion by Sarah Copeland Hanson, seconded by Emily Shipman to approve Article II. Motion voted on and passed by voice vote

IV. Article III

A. Question as to when moneys would be due. The response was that the responsibility rests with the two towns, and the due date doesn't need to be the same in both towns.

B. Marvin Harrison: All three schools have debt. How does borrowing happen within the new entity?

1 Emilie Knisley and Lori Blood: The new OUUSD Board would need to assume the debt of all three districts, as of July 1st.

C. Peter Terry: Has Oxbow borrowed the \$420,000? Adam Lornitzo: Yes. Bill Ellithorpe: explained that they borrowed the money, have spent some, and the rest is for expenses under contract. Peter Terry: called the attention of the Board to the condition of the track being in terrible shape, and urged the Board to work to improve it in the future.

D. Marvin Harrison: Now that we have a new budget, what happens to the debt if the Supreme Court rules in favor of the lawsuit? Emilie Knisley: the Courts and Legislature would need to rule on that.

E. Emily Shipman: thanked the OUUSD Board and the OESU office for all the hard work they have done getting ready for this meeting.

F. Arvid Johnson: What date are taxes due to the new district? Lori Blood: 20 days after the taxes are due to the town.

G. Marvin Harrison: is it correct that now OUUSD will have 25% representation on the OESU Board? Emilie Knisley: Yes, there will be 3 reps from OUUSD, 3 reps from BMU, 3 reps from Waits River, and 3 reps from Thetford

H. Edith Fogarty: Implored the Board to be mindful of where this money is spent so the intent of Act 46 is followed, providing equity and a level playing field between the two schools.

I. Marcia Tomlinson: happy that this evening has happened, with explanation of points of view. This Town Meeting style is wonderful

J. Larry Coffin: hopes for a better name for this District. Hoping that a new name will show an attitude of cooperation.

K. Adam Lornitzo: ways to amend Articles of Agreement? Danielle Corti: There are several ways. One is a petition from the community, and a special meeting would be warned. Another is to set up a committee to look at the articles, including suggestions that Bud Haas brought to first meeting. Then the committee would bring multiple amendments to a special meeting. Some changes have to be voted on by Australian Ballot.

V. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

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