

**TAMWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Minutes of the Annual School District Meeting  
March 8, 2017

Agreeable to the Tamworth School District Warrant for March 8, 2017 approximately 52 people (including 47 registered voters signed in) met in the Kenneth A. Brett School Gymnasium to discuss and vote upon six articles.

Moderator Kent Hemingway Jr. opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with a welcome and public service and safety announcements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by eight-graders Akira Sok and Madigan Petell, who also served as baby-sitters for the evening.

School Board members and School Administrators present:  
Chair of the Board Jack Waldron, Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Principal Ken Hawkins, Director of Special Services Maria Dreyer, Business Administrator Chuck Bates, Attorney Matt Upton, and School Board Members Kathi Padgett, Dennis Quinn, Helen Steele, and Jennifer Westover.

Introductions were made to the Supervisors of the checklist Sharon Nothnagle and Lisa Remick, and to Clerk *pro tem* Peggy Johnson.

Chair Jack Waldron drew attention to the dedication in the annual report booklet to retiring teacher Sally Bachman, present in the room, and wished her the best after her years of dedicated service, to warm applause and standing ovation from all assembled.

The Moderator described the meeting's process, especially regarding hand count votes.

**ARTICLE I:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,583,928 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of statutory obligations of the district.

Motion: Mr. Waldron Second: Ms. Steele

Discussion: Mr. Waldron displayed a summary of the budget, and described each line item. All increases amounted to an increase 2.6%, or 51¢ to the tax rate impact. He explained each dollar amount (p. 32) in detail.

Questions or comments were invited; there were none.

**Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**ARTICLE II:** To see if the School District will vote to adopt a school administrative unit budget of \$705,717 for the 2017-2018 school year in which \$268,216 is assigned to the school budget of this school district.

Motion: Mr. Waldron Second: Ms. Padgett

Discussion: Ms. Padgett explained the administration of the three schools in SAU 13, now housed in the KA Brett building. Our percentage is 30% of the total amount, as we have the most students in the SAU.

Willie Farnum asked about rent for the office space, which is now \$1 (one dollar).

**Motion passed 46-0 by a hand vote.**

**ARTICLE III:** To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Tamworth School Board and the Tamworth Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

Estimated increase for	Year 2017-2018	\$38,315
Estimated increase for	Year 2018-2019	\$62,392
Estimated increase for	Year 2019-2020	\$70,177

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,315 for the 2017-2018 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.

Motion: Mr. Quinn Second: Mr. Chris Canfield

Discussion: Mr. Quinn explained some of the insurance plans and considerations.

**Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

**ARTICLE IV:** To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Tamworth School Board and the Tamworth Education Support Personnel Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

Estimated increase for	Year 2017-2018	\$10,070
Estimated increase for	Year 2018-2019	\$13,856
Estimated increase for	Year 2019-2020	\$70,177

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,070 for the 2017-2018 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.

Motion: Ms. Steele Second: Mr. Waldron

Discussion: Ms. Steele described the elements not already described and discussed, which include small increases in teacher support.

**Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

**ARTICLE V:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the previously established School Renovation and Emergency Reserve Fund. This sum will come from the June 30, 2017 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017. No amount will be raised from taxation.

Motion: Mr. Waldron

Second: Ms. Padgett

Discussion: Ms. Westover described the uses of the renovation and emergency fund. David Little asked for the current balance in the fund (\$55,578)

**Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

**ARTICLE VI:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Mr. Waldron thanked Kent Hemingway, who is retiring as Moderator, describing his career arc in and away from the Tamworth school, to cheery applause and a standing ovation.

Gail Marrone asked about the rental agreement with the other schools in the SAU. Mr. Waldron explained the history.

Annalee Rollins, mother of two boys who both have had success with their IEPs in the school, now lives outside of Tamworth; Mr. Goscinski assured her that her request for continued services will be considered at the Freedom and Tamworth school board meetings scheduled for April and March respectively.

Paul Chant thanks the Board for their service, and he draws our attention to free and reduced lunches, which have increased from 24% when first recorded, to a current 60% of the school population. He reminds us of the power of compassion and community building, especially when funding is cut.

Mr. Waldron thanks Mr. Chant for his compliments, but says it is staff who deserve them.

Willie Farnum moves that the meeting be dissolved; Dave Bowles seconds.

Passed with a unanimous voice vote at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret "Peggy" Johnson