

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

March 21, 2009

Pursuant to the Winnisquam Regional School District Warrant, the Annual School District meeting was convened in the gymnasium of the Winnisquam Regional High School in the Town of Tilton in said District on the 21st day of March 2009. School District Moderator Ken Randall called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Moderator Randall pointed out the section for non-voters.

Moderator Randall introduced himself, District Clerk, Barbara Foster. Moderator Randall introduced Mike Gagne, School Board Chairperson, who introduced the School Board members present – Cyndee Chapin, Patricia Sawicki, Jasen Stock, Nina Gardner, Lynn Chong, Jonathan Dupuis, Sean Goodwin, Kevin Washburn and Derek Boucher; Student Representative. He then introduced Dr. Tammy Davis, Superintendent, John Teague, School District Attorney and the SAU administrators, Cheryl Somma, Janice Grenier, Jack Tiano, Suzan Gannett, Sandie Sterling, Kimberly Saunders, Tim Neville, Rich Hines, Pam Miller and Kevin Sousa.

School Budget Committee Chairperson, Curt McGee, introduced himself and then introduced the Budget Committee members – Wayne Crowley, Tim Lang, Keith Murray, Dana Nute, Christina Bradbury, Roy Wakefield, Jasen Stock.

Moderator Randall explained the voting procedure and the ground rules for the meeting.

The Moderator asked for a vote on the acceptance of the ground rules as they appear on the handouts.

Motion: A motion was made by David Lipatore to accept the ground rules as written and seconded by Chuck Mitchell.

Discussion: None

Vote: Affirmative

March 10th election results were read by Ken Randall.

Moderator Randall read Article 1 as follows:

Article-1

To see if the Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Winnisquam Regional School Board and the Winnisquam Regional Teachers' Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2009-2010	<u>\$ 212,147</u>
2010-2011	<u>\$ 265,474</u>
2011-2012	<u>\$ 193,112</u>

And further to raise and appropriate **Two Hundred Twelve Thousand One Hundred Forty Seven Dollars [\$212,147]** for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

[Majority vote required]

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Motion: A motion was made by Nina Gardner seconded by Kevin Washburn to bring this article to the floor for discussion.

Discussion: Nina Gardner explains who was on the Teacher Negotiations committee and how many times they met to come up with this agreement. Nina explains that the costs projections are based on 143.4 teachers in the district.

Erika Cunningham questioned why performance based raises were not negotiated in contract. Stated that she feels there are too many testing days a year for students.

Nina Gardner responded that the testing is a vehicle used to identify individual student needs.

Kevin Walden spoke about the unemployment rate, and foreclosure rates in the area.

Greg Hill expressed concern about the actual dollar amounts being voted on today. What assurances do we have on the budgeted amounts.

Nina Gardner responded not an issue, we had the money in budget for last years \$96,000 not a short fall.

Curt McGee explained the \$96,000 reflects 5 teachers with a decrease for a savings of \$80,000, this savings was then given to remaining 100 or so teachers.

Katherine Ferrara spoke opposing Article 1.

Denise Lessard asking for consideration and support for minimal increase.

James Ryland spoke in support of Article 1, saying equitable and fair.

Ken Gorrell spoke opposing Article 1 – No provision for merit based pay, significant health care contribution by district.

Nina Gardner responded the teacher contributions for health care did not change in this proposal.

Earl Leighton asked a question for the moderator: “Moderator did not give the Budget Committee a chance to speak after School Board with their reason for opposing this article”.

Curt McGee spoke for Budget Committee (Not recommended by Budget Committee). 20% higher cost to retirement contributions, raises for teachers are not based on merit. Explained teacher steps.

Pam Washburn spoke in favor of Article 1, based on efforts and results that Dr. Tammy Davis brought to district.

Valerie Kehr asked if increases mandated going forward if we pass this article? Are we creating precedent going forward for teacher raises if we pass this article?

Nina Gardner explained Evergreen clause, terms and conditions that would bring teachers back to the bargaining table going forward. Summarized how many teachers are leaving district annually.

Chuck Mitchell spoke in favor of Article 1, states he was a former teacher, believes the school board worked hard for positive negotiations.

Heather Goodwin spoke in favor of Article 1, she thanked the negotiating team for their hard work in reaching agreement.

Liz Swenson spoke in favor of Article 1, she thanked all the elected officials, School Board, Budget Committee, and Teachers.

Jeffrey Dutton spoke opposing Article 1. Does not agree with teacher raises.

Gretchen Wilder commented “Education is expensive, so is ignorance. We have given raises over the past years. Statistics have not been taken in the past. With Dr. Davis they have started to track statistics and respond to requests. How many teachers with tenure are leaving district? As a taxpayer, she thanked everyone for showing up to vote”.

The question was called to end discussion.

Moderator Randall asked the remaining people at podium to speak.

Kirk Young spoke in favor of Article 1.

Moderator Randall has called for a ballot vote due to controversy of this article.

[Majority vote required]

Vote: Ballot Vote Yes - 160 No - 94

Affirmative Vote - Passes

Motion by Nina Gardner to protect my vote and seconded by Mike Gagne under 40:10.

Vote: Affirmative

Moderator Randall read Article 2 as follows:

Article-2

To see if the Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Winnisquam Regional School Board and the Winnisquam Custodians AFSCME Local 3158, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2009-2010	<u>\$ 18,640</u>
2010-2011	<u>\$ 18,094</u>
2011-2012	<u>\$ 19,058</u>

And further to raise and appropriate **Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars, [\$18,640]** for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

[Majority vote required]

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

A motion was made by Mike Gagne and seconded by Nina Gardner to bring Article 2 to the floor for discussion.

Discussion: Mike Gagne explained the changes; differential to grounds person for part of year, change to full year, health care 1 person 5%, 2 person 20% and family 35% unchanged, offer 2nd option: offer less expensive health care plan, sick day bonus from \$100 to \$250.

Curt McGee states that the Budget Committee is in favor of this Article with a vote of 8-0.

The question was called to end discussion.

Moderator Randall called for a vote on Article 2.

Standing Vote: Yes - 206 No - 14

Affirmative Vote – Passes

Motion by Mike Gagne to protect my vote and seconded by Cyndee Chapin under 40:10.

Vote: Affirmative

Kevin LaChapelle makes motion to move Article 6 up to Article 3 and is seconded by David Lipatore.

Moderator Randall call for vote to move Article 6 to Article 3.

Vote: Affirmative

Moderator Randall read Article 3 as follows:

Article-3 (was Article 6)

We the undersigned voters petition the members of the Winnisquam Regional School District to appropriate the sum of **\$34,454.00** for Ferry Beach Ecology School for the 5th graders.

The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

A motion was made by Kevin LaChapelle and seconded by Rita Deveer to bring Article 3 to the floor for discussion.

Discussion: Kevin LaChapelle pointed out at budget hearing that the total dollar amount listed in printed warrant article is incorrect. He would like to amend Article 3. The corrected dollar amount is \$35,250.00.

Motion: to Amend Article 3 as follows: **from \$34,454.00 to \$35,250.00**

Moderator Randall called for vote on Amendment to Article 3.

Vote: Affirmative

Moderator Randall put amended Article 3 on the floor for discussion.

Kevin Waldron asked if a Motion to Table was in order, I would make it at this time.

Moderator Randall responds yes it is in order.

Kevin LaChapelle requests **Point of order** – “Ms. Deveer was asked to wait until the amendment was complete before she did her presentation”.

Rita Deveer showed presentation done by her eight year old son regarding Ecology School.

Leif Martinson spoke in favor of article, was with the first class that went to Ecology School.

Earl Leighton would like to hear the School Board’s reasons for removing this line from budget.

Nina Gardner responds that the School Board had to make some tough decisions and one of them was to remove this field trip from the budget to save money, added new science curriculum.

Tim Lang stated that this trip started as PTSO funded field trip – stated the Budget Committee agrees with school board.

Norm Boudreau would like to see this field trip put back on the parents/students to raise funds.

Lynne Long stated the PTO fundraising would not be able to raise enough money to send all 5th graders on field trip.

Katherine Ferarra spoke in favor of ecology school.

Paula Young spoke in favor of ecology school, incredibly fabulous program for kids.

Ken Gorrell agrees with Budget Committee and School Board that hard decisions need to be made. Focusing on curriculum that is effective for learning is a part of these hard decisions that have to be made. Is there another way to meet the standards that we are tested on?

Nina Gardner states this is another way to meet the standards that the federal government is testing us on.

Greg Hill agrees with Ken Gorrell – Maybe there is a middle ground here. Create a one year moratorium on this so that we can have parents / PTSO come up with funds for this.

Deb Tessier states the experience these children get from this trip is very important. It is worth while and is educational. Spoke in favor of ecology school.

Don Bormes spoke against Article 3. Curriculum covers everything that would be covered at the school. It is a summer camp, like any other summer camp. Burden should be on the parents, not the towns.

Karen Wilcox spoke in favor of Article 3, invaluable experience, not a summer camp.

Kevin LaChapelle agreed with all sentiments, asking for softer landing, assumption now that school district and tax payers would be footing the bill. He believes in the future we could allow for a softer landing. This year support the program and we could try to offset the costs going forward.

Sarah Grey spoke in favor of Article 3.

Earl Leighton asked when the district started paying for this field trip, how many individuals benefit?

Nina Gardner stated the School Board picked up funding this program approx. 12 years ago. About 120 kids involved this year. All 5th graders.

Phil Dawson stated he has lived in district 47 years, endorses teachers/teach in classroom, against Article 3

The question was called to end discussion.

Moderator Randall called for a vote on Article 3.

Standing Vote: Yes – 124 No – 104

Vote: Affirmative

Pauline Shabot requested move to protect my vote and seconded by Kirk Young under 40:10.

Vote: Affirmative

Moderator Randall read Article 4 as follows:

Article-4 (Article 3)

To see if the Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars [\$200,000]** to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund-Building Renovations and Repairs, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2009, unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2009.

[Majority vote required]

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

This will help maintain a favorable trust fund balance to meet unanticipated facility needs and fund building repairs and replacement of equipment in accordance with the District's Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Kevin Washburn to put article on the floor for discussion Tim Lang seconds it.

Discussion: Kevin Washburn began discussion by stating this article is necessary because it helps maintain a favorable trust fund balance to meet unanticipated building repairs.

Andrew Sanborn responded that the district does not employ a facilities manager, and that there has been some discussion on this. It is fiscally irresponsible not to have a facilities manager with the number of facilities in district.

Mike Gagne explained that the School Board did put this in its budget money for a facilities manager and it was removed by the Budget Committee.

Curt McGee stated he will discuss this in Article 9.

Steve Bloom asked what is the balance in the capital reserve account.

Mike Gagne explained that with this article the anticipated balance as of 6/30/2010 will be \$494,394.14. This includes the withdrawal of the \$82,580. We do have a capital improvement plan that goes out to 2013.

The question was called to end discussion.

Moderator Randall called for a vote on Article 4.

Vote: Affirmative

Moderator Randall read Article 5 as follows:

Article-5 (Article 4)

To see if the Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars [\$82,580]** to: replace the roof and upgrade heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment at the Voc-Ag building, complete Phase 3 of 3 of the playground improvements to comply with insurance company's inspection report, and replace library carpet at Southwick School and replace the Vine St. exterior door and frame at Union Sanborn School and authorize the withdrawal of **Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars [\$82,580]** from the Capital Reserve Fund-Building Renovations and Repairs created for that purpose.

[Majority vote required]

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

A motion was made by Jasen Stock to put article on the floor for discussion Mike Gagne seconds it.

Discussion: Jasen Stock indicated the money raised will go into capital improvement plan. We plan to spend \$82,580.

The question was called to end discussion.

Moderator Randall called for a vote on Article 5.

Vote: Affirmative

Moderator Randall read Article 6 as follows:

Article-6 (Article 5)

To see if Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of Extraordinary Legal Fees and Expenses Related to Present or Foreseeable Litigation and to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Dollars [\$152,000]** to be placed in this fund. Furthermore, to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund or to take any other action in relation thereto.

[Majority vote required]

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

Annually, the district budgets an estimated amount for legal fees and at year-end, these appropriations, if unused, lapse back to the unreserved fund balance. However, current litigation may pose a considerable burden on the district's budget. A reserve fund would enable the district to set aside funds to assist with expenditures in the event of extraordinary costs.

A motion was made by Nina Gardner to put article on the floor for discussion Kevin Washburn seconds it.

Discussion: Nina Gardner opens discussion by explaining that the purpose of this article is to enable the school district to establish a fund that can only be used for legal fees.

Curt McGee states that the budget committee voted 8 – 0 in favor of this. (The money would have been in the operating but, if we did not do this).

Mr. Walden asked if this money is strictly for the lawyers or can this money be used for settlements?

Mr. Teague responds this comes from claims happening 30 years ago or more. We are hopeful that there will be insurance coverage. Hopeful that a large portion of this money will be turned back to school district. We are presuming that we will not be paying damages. (Very difficult to talk about this in public forum).

Katherine Ferrara inquired as to how much we pay Mr. Teague.

Mr. Teague states this is no set amount. I am paid on the services I provide to the district.

Curt McGee states if we did not use all or a portion of this money, next year we would come back with a warrant article to put the money back in the general fund with interest.

The question was called to end discussion.

Moderator Randall called for a vote on Article 6.

Vote: Affirmative

Moderator Randall read Article 7 as follows:

The following article #7 is the first of two petitioned articles. If Article 7 passes, Article 8 will be passed over.

EITHER

Article-7

To see if the Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to authorize the Winnisquam Regional School Board to enter into a 15-year lease finance agreement in the amount of (\$5,215,722 at 5.25%) for the purpose of constructing a Bio-Mass Energy Plant for the Winnisquam High and Middle School Campus and energy retrofit and HVAC systems updates at all facilities and to raise and appropriate [\$262,690] Two Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an "escape" clause.

The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Motion: Ian Raymond - motion to place Article 7 on the floor for discussion and seconded by Andrew Sanborn.

Ian Raymond states he became involved in this because he is the Chairman for the Energy Commission for the Town of Sanbornton. The article as written is not correct. He proposes an **Amendment to Article 7** to read as follows:

Amended Article 7

To see if the Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to authorize the Winnisquam Regional School Board to enter into a 15-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of (\$5,215,722 at 5.25% interest), with the first payment to begin in the fiscal year 2010-2011, for the purpose of constructing a wood burning biomass energy plant for the Winnisquam High and Middle School campus and completing an energy retrofit and HVAC systems update of all facilities and further authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend state building aid, utility rebates and any other government or private funding for this purpose, which revenues together with reduced energy costs from the projected energy savings is projected to entirely offset the costs of this project. This lease agreement will contain an “escape” clause.

Explanation of article: The Warrant Article proposes to enter into a Performance Contract with the Honeywell Corporation to make improvements to the heating and ventilation systems throughout the District. A 15-year Municipal Lease is proposed to finance the project. Honeywell guarantees the energy savings, and will pay the District if the guaranteed energy savings are not achieved. The District will also be eligible for State Building Aid and Energy Rebates. It is anticipated that there will be no additional net cost to the District over the life of this project. Payment will not begin until the project is fully completed.

Note: The \$5,215,722 includes \$3,466,480 (project costs) and \$1,749,242 (Projected interest over the lfet of the 15 year loan).

Ian Raymond explains the purpose is to do a lease/purchase agreement. Not a lease agreement. Which means at the end of the 15 years we would own the equipment. Estimated construction completion date of 2010. We are not looking for money at this time. At the time the project is complete, we will be seeing energy savings. There would be no money due from the taxpayers for this project.

Curt McGee states there is a fatal flaw in this amendment, there is no raise and appropriate language in this article. Without this the district cannot cut a check.

Ian Raymond states it will be paid for by money the district is already spending on energy and that this is perfectly legal. No legal challenge to this with the Town of Hudson who has the same article word for word.

Nina Gardner states in order to get the building made, you have to spend money. Asking voters to take a leap of faith, can't show us how the money is being spent or where funds are coming from. Not laying out the costs structure for this project.

Ian Raymond states he respectfully disagrees, we are asking for money, not a free project, the money we are asking for is the \$5,215,722. The State Board of Education has already preapproved us to do this project as written.

Mr. Sanborn states the money will come from the line items for fuel oil.

Ian Raymond explains this is a performance contract, Honeywell will cut us a check if we do not meet our energy savings.

Kevin Waldren requests a **Motion to table** amendment and is seconded by Bill Studis.

There is no discussion on motions to table - Moderator Randall calls for standing vote on motion to table Article 7.

[2/3 Majority vote required]

Yes – 89 No – 68

Vote Fails

Amendment to Article 7 discussion continues.

Dennis Fields is concerned that each time we elect a new School Board, what if they vote not to fund this project. What is the design, where are the Honeywell reps are.

Ian Raymond responds this allows the school district to continue their due diligence. Entitled to school building aid with this project. It authorized the school district to enter into this agreement.

The question was called to end discussion.

Moderator Randall called for a vote on to amend Article 7.

Standing Vote: Yes – 132 No – 17

Vote: Affirmative - Amendment replaces the original Article 7

Discussion continues with new Article 7:

Ian Raymond explains that we are trying to save the school district as much money as possible. Self funding project. Voting yes on this article means an energy savings of 25%. Article 7 includes the Biomass heat plant and Article 8 does not. Presentation

Earl Leighton would like to know what is the life span of the Bio Plant, what will be the additional staffing and what is the maintenance on this?

Ian Raymond explains that it is similar to a boiler 35 years, staffing 15 minutes a day cleaning ashes, auto feed system fed with auger, no different than oil burner for maintenance.

Joe DeMello remarks that this sounds too good to be true, on the unit itself how long (35 yrs) you mention that Honeywell will give a check for the difference if we do make the savings. What's the price for wood chips. Most efficient when kept to continuously running.

Ian Raymond states the costs is between \$60 & \$50 / ton for wood chips.

Gail Morrison questions the language of the article – is there any litigation on this (Hudson, doing performance contracts, not biomass) at the end of 15 years can we write into contract and can school board write in that Honeywell will assist in the purchase of woodchips, if they were to become less available.

Point of order – Moderator Randall clarifies what the discussion is for. The new Article 7.

Mary thanked Ian for all his work on this.

Valerie Kehr wanted to know about utility rebates, and does School Board recommend this new Article 7.

Jasen Stock states that the School Board is not in favor of this article at this time, unable to do due diligence.

A written Petition for a ballot vote on Article 7 was submitted by Andrew Sanborn, Karen Ober, Steve Ober, Ian Raymond, Caroll Raymond.

Sheila C. spoke in favor of the amendment to Article 7.

Ken Gorrell questions where would this unit go on the property, how would chips/fuel be delivered?

Katherine Ferrara called the question to end discussion, Ms. Deveer 2nd the motion.

Ian Raymond explains that the unit burns much hotter than the average home furnace, lower emissions.

Pat Clark asks about the escape clause, assurances to School Board and Budget Committee to work toward.

Ian Raymond explains the escape clause is required for lease/purchase agreement.

Mr. Ober states that the Sanbornton Board of Selectman supports this project.

Karen Ober thanked Ian for his leadership.

Roy Wakefield states this project will not save a nickel, no good contracts with government, Honeywell should provide us with detailed breakdown of money. Honeywell is extremely hard to work with.

Moderator Randall calls to vote on the Amended Article 7.

Ballot Vote Yes – 112 No – 55

Vote: Affirmative

A motion to **protect vote** on Article 7 made by Andrew Sanborn and seconded by Steven Ober.

Vote – Affirmative

David Wigham made a motion to indefinitely postpone any action on Article 8 and seconded by Rep Fields.

Vote – Affirmative

Article-8

OR

To see if the Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to authorize the Winnisquam Regional School Board to enter into a 10-year lease finance agreement in the amount of (\$1,207,299 at 4.45%) for the purpose of comprehensive energy efficiency and HVAC upgrades throughout the school district buildings and to raise and appropriate [\$91,956] for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an "escape" clause.

The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Moderator Randall read Article 9 as follows:

Article 9

To see if the Winnisquam Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of **\$23,211,106** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. The School Board recommends **\$23,459,746**. The article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

[Majority vote required]

This article raises the appropriations for the General Fund, plus Special Revenue Funds for Food Service and Local, State and Federal Grants.

Curt McGee made a motion to place article on the floor for discussion seconded by Tim Lang.

Discussion: Curt McGee opens discussion by explaining that the Budget Committee believes the district is best served by having a property management company come in and not the hiring of a facilities manager.

Curt McGee - **Motion to Amend Article 9** – to reduce the operating budget by (**\$158, 494**) from \$23,211,106 to \$23,052,612. This reduction is to reflect a new fuel oil price of \$1.895 per gallon. Specific lines to be amended are as follows: 2620-624-1-30 from \$50,011 to \$27,131, 2620-624-1-40 from \$41,341 to \$22,383, 2620-624-1-50 from \$41,117 to \$ 22,262, 2620-624-2-0 from \$101,948 to \$55,198, and 2620-624-3-0 from \$111,111 to \$60,159.

Tim Lang seconds the Motion to Amend Article 9.

Vote – Affirmative

Discussion: Curt McGee explains the \$248,608 budget difference between the School Board and Budget Committee.

Mike Gagne explained the budget lines and the difference from the SB and BC.

Katherine Ferrara questioned why is the cost per student \$14,000 when we have less students than we had a couple years back?

Curt McGee states the gross budget has gone down for the last 2 years.

Nina Gardner explains that the School Districts operating budget has increased with the construction and expansion. More square footage, to heat, clean, etc.

Emily Spear states she is concerned about not having a facilities manager.

Mr. Sanborn makes a **Motion to amend Article 9 to read as:** To increase the budget by \$82,376 for salary and benefits for a Facilities Manager. This was Seconded by Ian Raymond.

Motion to move discussion to the floor for discussion made by Mr. Sanborn, and seconded by Steve Ober.

Mr. Sanborn explains a facilities management company as proposed by the Budget Committee, works doing what they are contracted to do. A facilities manager will work hand and hand with our proposed energy improvements. We get a lot more for our dollar this way in the long term.

Earl Leighton states an employee does exactly what hired for just like contracted co. We would carry less overhead with a management company. Is this position necessary for the Biomass plant?

Ian Raymond responds yes this position is needed with Biomass plant.

Roy Wakefield states that the \$45,000 in budget for a Facilities Manager – knows a couple retired facilities managers that would do this for that price. Against adding the \$82,376 for a facilities manager.

Gloria Murasko asks if the School Board legally obligated to do what was approved with the money? Can they spend it the way we voted it to be spent?

Curt McGee states that what you are approving today is the bottom line, the School Board can spend as they want and can transfer the money from line to line.

Mike Gagne states the School Board absolutely listens to this body, and in regards to issues like Ferry Beach Ecology school we are listening to you. It would be a big mistake to spend this money any other way.

Valerie Kehr stated some of the pros with sticking with an outside management company, do not have to worry about health care, benefits, workmen's comp. if someone gets hurt.

The question was called to end discussion.

Moderator Randall call for vote on the Amendment to Article 9.

Vote – Not Approved

Keith Murray motion to protect vote, and seconded Tim Lang.

Vote – Affirmative to protect vote

Mr. Sanborn withdraws the 3rd Amendment to Article 9.

No additional discussion on Article 9.

Moderator Randall calls the question for vote on Article 9 the Budget Committee Operating budget of **\$23,052,612**

Vote: Approved

Article-10

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Joy Tilton and Mike Gagne present Nina Gardner with plaque and service award from Governor Lynch for over 2 decades of service on the school board.

A true Record, Attest:

Barbara Foster
Winnisquam Regional School District