

LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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LITCHFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO. 27
Litchfield, New Hampshire 03052

Approved Minutes for February 9, 2019

In Attendance: Brian Bourque, Chair
Christina Harrison, Vice Chair
Elizabeth MacDonald, Board Member
Robert G. Meyers, III, Board Member
Tara Hershberger, Board Member
Dr. Michael Jette, Superintendent
Cory Izbicki, Business Administrator
Michele E. Flynn, Administrative Assistant

I. PUBLIC SESSION **Immediately following Deliberative Session**

A. Call to Order

Brian called to order at 12:15 p.m.

B. Deliberative Session Amendments and Changes

Mr. Bourque indicated that the Board needs to vote on recommendations for the articles that were amended at Deliberative Session.

Article 1 was proposed as:

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to 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 the vote at the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 22,865,429? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$22,824,871 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Litchfield School District or by law; or the School Board 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.

Estimated Tax Impact: Operating Budget \$0.36

Default Budget: \$0.34

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 6-2-0*

Mr. Bourque indicated the article was amended to reflect the operating budget was reduced by \$15,791 due to a decrease in the transportation costs for FY20. The amended article reads:

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to 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 the vote at the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 22,849,638? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$22,824,871 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Litchfield School District or by law; or the School Board 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.

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Mr. Bourque indicated that there was also a decrease in the default budget, which now totals \$22,771,378.

Mr. Bourque made a motion to change the FY20 Default budget total to \$22,771,378. Mrs. Harrison seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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Article 1 will now read on the ballot:

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Estimated Tax Impact: Operating Budget \$0.35 Default Budget: \$0.28

Mr. Bourque made a motion to recommend Article 1 as amended. Mrs. Harrison seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Article 1 was recommended by the School Board by a vote of 5-0-0.

Mr. Bourque indicated the Board has not voted on a recommendation for Article 6.

Article 6

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to permanently name the Campbell High School auditorium after Philip K. Martin in honor of his service to Campbell High School?

Mrs. Harrison made a motion to recommend Article 6. Mrs. MacDonald seconded. The motion carried 3-2-0, with Mr. Bourque and Mr. Meyers opposing.

Article 6 was recommended by the School Board by a vote of 3-2-0.

Mr. Bourque indicated Article 7 (Petitioned Article) was amended as well. He noted the Board will have to revote their recommendations.

Article 7

Shall the School Board study the impact of an article adopting the provisions of RSA 32:5-b which could implement a tax cap whereby the Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than a certain dollar amount or percentage?

Mrs. Harrison made a motion to recommend Article 7 as amended. Mr. Bourque seconded. The motion failed 0-5-0.

Article 7 was not recommended by the School Board by a vote of 0-5-0.

II. ADJOURN

Mrs. Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Mrs. Hershberger seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele E. Flynn
Administrative Assistant to the School Board