

**Alton School District
Minutes of the Deliberative Session
February 2, 2019 – 1:01 PM**

In attendance for the Alton School District: Karen Kharitonov Chairperson, Peter Leavitt Member, Pamela McLeod Member, Kristi Hikel Member, Member: Matt Upton, Legal Counsel; Pamela Stiles, Superintendent, SAU 72; Laurie Verville, Business Administrator, Robert Cullison, Superintendent, SAU 301; Heidi Duford, Business Manager, SAU 301.

In attendance for the Alton Budget Committee: Roger F. Nelson, Chairman; Patrick O'Brien, Member.

Robin Lane, Moderator, reviewed the rules.

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Alton qualified to vote in District affairs:

ARTICLE I: Election Warrant:

School Board Member – Two for Three Years
School District Moderator – One for One Year
School District Clerk – One for One Year

ARTICLE II:

Shall the Alton 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 **FIFTEEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$15,458,832)** (Fiscal Note: The amount of \$4,271,831.45 is the net appropriation for the Prospect Mountain High School operating budget which is included in the gross budget amount listed above and recommended by the Joint Maintenance Agreement (JMA) Budget Committee.) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **FIFTEEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$15,392,607)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Alton 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. *(This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.)* **(The Alton School Board recommends \$15,458,832 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$15,458,832 by a vote of 6-0.)**

The motion was made by Karen Kharitonov and seconded by Kristi Hikel on Article II.

Discussion:

It was requested by School Board Chair, Karen Kharitonov, that the Superintendents be allowed to present the State of School Address, as it should had been given before

Article II was read. The Moderator asked if there were any objections and there were none.

Pam Stiles, Superintendent of SAU #72, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation of the achievements of Alton Central School, which aligned with the Alton School District Strategic Plan 2017-2021.

Robert Cullison, Superintendent of JMA 301, gave a brief description of the achievements of Prospect Mountain High School.

Discussion on Article 2 resumed.

Jeffrey Clay had questions asking ways to reduce the overall budget. He had comments regarding the need for two Superintendents and reducing the staff.

Jeffrey Clay made a motion to change "Article I" to read "Amend Article I to 15 mil." (*I believe Mr. Clay's intention was to change Article II but instead wrote Article I on his written request. L. Roy*). He had no second to the motion. The motion failed.

Mr. Clay then made a motion to change the Moderator Rules to not require a second. There was no second. The Motion failed.

Loring Carr was asking for clarification of an entry in the default budget. Attorney Matt Upton asked that the School Board get together after the Deliberative in order to look at his request. Mr. Carr agreed. Mr. Carr then asked if there was a default budget for Prospect Mountain High School. Attorney Upton explained that PMHS does not due to how the JMA is written.

No further discussion.

The motion to restrict further consideration was made by Pam McLeod and seconded by Peter Leavitt. The Moderator only asked if anyone opposed. No one did.

ARTICLE III:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$85,000)** to be added to the existing Window Replacement Fund Expendable Trust created 3-8-05 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of replacing the windows at Alton Central School. **(The Alton School Board recommends \$85,000 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$85,000 by a vote of 6-1.)**

The motion was made by Peter Leavitt and seconded by Kristi Hikel on Article III.

Peter Leavitt gave a brief overview of the work being done at Alton Central School regarding the windows. Jeffrey Clay indicated that he opposes this article because it is not going directly to the students. He then asked why it was not in the regular maintenance line and exactly how much energy would be saved. Mr. Clay indicated that

he did not want Mr. Leavitt to answer any of his questions. No one responded.

Mr. Clay made a motion to reduce Article III to \$1.00.

There was no second.

The motion failed.

Desmond Douglas, Loring Carr, Jeffrey Clay and Any McLeod all asked general questions about the windows, air conditioning and the replacement cycle that was answered by a school board member.

The motion to restrict further consideration was made by Pam McLeod and seconded by Desmond Douglas.

It passed.

ARTICLE IV:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$15,000)** to be added to the Prospect Mountain High School Athletic Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established, said sum representing Fifty percent (50%) of the total appropriation of **THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$30,000)**. And further that this appropriation shall be contingent upon both Alton (50%) and Barnstead (50%) School Districts adopting the article and appropriating and transferring their respective sum of money. **(JMA Board recommends by a vote of 8-0. The Alton School Board recommends \$15,000 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends \$15,000 by a vote of 6-0.)**

The motion made by Pam McLeod and seconded by Kristi Hikel on Article IV.

Pam McLeod described the account and that the money is used for the Prospect Mountain High School athletic fields, track and tennis courts.

Mr. Clay disagreed with the Article and made a motion to change Article IV to \$1.00.

There was no second.

The motion failed.

Motion to restrict further consideration made by Peter Leavitt and seconded by Pam McLeod.

Linda Roy, School District Clerk, questioned the vote taken regarding the motion to restrict reconsideration on Article II. In her opinion, the Moderator did not ask who was in favor but only who opposed to restrict reconsideration, therefore, a vote was retaken. The vote to restrict further reconsideration on Article II passed.

ARTICLE V:

To hear report of any committees, boards, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters, and vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Loring Carr reported that he thought the presentation and the packets that the Superintendent's office presented were great.

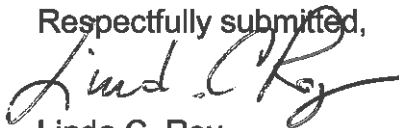
Jeffrey Clay wanted to know how the students did on testing. Mrs. Stiles reread the information from the State of the School address regarding the test scores at Alton Central and Mr. Cullison, Superintendent of Prospect Mountain High School indicated that he did not have that information with him but will get it to him if he requests it.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Peter Leavitt and seconded by Loring Carr.

A vote was taken. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda C. Roy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Linda C. Roy
School District Clerk