

SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE SESSION 2016

The meeting opened at 6:12 on February 4th, 2016.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a number of children in attendance.

Moderator H. Clark Thyng read the rules of the session.

Moderator H. Clark Thyng made introductions of those present:

- School Board Members: Nicole LaFlamme (Chair of the School Board), Karen Yeatman (Vice Chair), Kim Royer (member), Rebecca (Becky) Cronk (member), Matt Woodrow (clerk)
- SAU administrators: Dr. Phil Littlefield (Superintendent), Marge Polak (Assistant Superintendent), Karen Lessard (Business Administrator)
- School administrators: Mr Robert St. Cyr (Principal), Mrs. Michelle LaValle (Assistant Principal), Mrs. Kathryn Duncan (Director of Student Services)
- School District attorney: Mr. Michael Elwell, Esq
- Recognized to speak even though not residents of Candia with no objections: Principal St. Cyr, Dr. Littlefield, Mrs. Polak,, Ms Lessard, Mr. Elwell, Kim White, Mary Pacheco, Checker Hansen, Cheryl St. Pierre, Jamie Dina, Maegan Sienko, Lee Ann Wells, Elisabeth Murphy, Kim Capel, Amanda Stark, Janet Becker, Amy Maurice

Warrant Article # 2

Shall the Candia School District vote to approve the costs items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Candia School Board and the Candia Education Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2016-2017	\$72,901

and further to raise and appropriate \$72,901 for the 2016 – 2017 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? (Recommended by the School Board 5-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-4)

Motion made to move the article to the ballot as read: Nicole LaFlamme and seconded by Karyn Yeatman.

Discussion opened and closed with no one speaking. Moderator Clark Thyng called for a vote. Vote was in the affirmative to move the warrant article to the ballot as written.

Warrant Article #3

Shall the Candia School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts

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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 \$8,137,089? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,113,187, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Candia 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. (Recommended by the School Board 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0)

Motion made to move the article to the ballot as read: Nicole LaFlamme and seconded by Karyn Yeatman.

Discussion opened:

- Ingrid Bird (Depot Road): I cannot find a line about the SAU expenses in the budget. Karen Lassard answered that on page 9 under executive administrative services.

Moderator Clark Thyng called for a vote when discussion ended. Vote was in the affirmative to move the warrant article to the ballot as written.

Dick Snow (Depot Rd) called for a motion to restrict reconsideration for warrant article 2 and 3. It was seconded by Nicole LaFlamme. It was approved.

Warrant Article #4

Shall the Candia School District vote to approve a tuition agreement between the Candia School District and Pinkerton Academy, as negotiated by the School Board, which provides for an initial term beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2038; and to authorize the School Board to take such other and further acts necessary to give effect to this resolution, including the adoption of minor amendments to the agreement, from time-to-time during its term, without further action by the School District Meeting? (This agreement received State Board of Education approval on November 18, 2015.) (Recommended by the School Board 5-0)

Motion made to move the article to the ballot as read: Nicole LaFlamme and seconded by Karyn Yeatman.

Discussion opened:

- Presentation by Sean McDaniel (Brown Rd): see attached notes for presentation; also available at www.whypinkerton.com
- No further discussion continued.

Moderator Clark Thyng called for a vote when presentation ended. Vote was in the affirmative to move the warrant article to the ballot as written.

Nicole LaFlamme called for a motion to restrict reconsideration to warrant article #4. It was seconded by Karyn Yeatman. It was approved.

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Warrant Article #5

Shall the Candia School District raise and appropriate up to \$27,000 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March 2003? This sum to come from June 30, 2016 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the School Board 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0)

Motion made to move the article to the ballot as read: Nicole LaFlamme and seconded by Karyn Yeatman.

Discussion opened:

- Judy Szot: How much is there now? Karen Lessard replied \$173,543.
- Carla Penfield (Jane Dr): What is the cap? Karen Lessard replied \$200, 000.
- Janet Wilderman (Main Street): what falls under this umbrella that would constitute this amount? Dr. Littlefield answered an unanticipated expense for students with severe disabilities who may need services that the Candia School cannot provide. We only tap into that fund if a real emergency. We have had some students that require expensive services move into town that we did not expect and have needed this emergency fund.
- Dick Snow (Depot Rd): Have you established agents for the fund? And do you have to do that on an annual basis? Karen Lessard replied they were appointed when the fund was created. School Board are the agents of that fund. Dick asked if that was within the guidelines of the law, to which the School Board Attorney replied "Yes".

Moderator Clark Thyng called for a vote when discussion ended. Vote was in the affirmative to move the warrant article to the ballot as written.

Public Service announcement was placed on the chairs about the Candia Old Home Day. Moderator Clark Thyng introduced Hannah Lewis, Chair of the Old Home Day Committee.

Warrant Article #6

Are you in favor of changing the terms of the School District Clerk, Moderator, and Treasurer from one year to three years, beginning with the terms of the School District Clerk, Moderator and Treasurer to be elected at next year's regular School District Meeting? (Recommended by the School Board 5-0)

Motion made to move the article to the ballot as read: Nicole LaFlamme and seconded by Karen Yeatman.

Discussion opened:

- Ingrid Bird, Depot Rd: why? Moderator stated that this is just housekeeping. We are one of the last towns left with single terms. It is time to change it.

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Moderator Clark Thyng called for a vote when discussion ended. Vote was in the affirmative to move the warrant article to the ballot as written.

Nicole LaFlamme called for a motion to restrict reconsideration for warrant articles 5 and 6. It was seconded by Karyn Yeatman. It was approved.

Nicole LaFlamme distributed "Caught Ya" tickets to the students who led the pledge and complimented them on their wonderful behavior tonight.

Motion to adjourn made by Ken Geockjin. Seconded by Karyn Yeatman.

Meeting dissolved at 6:49.