

## **CANDIA SCHOOL DISTRICT DELIBRATIVE SESSION 2021**

Meeting opened at 6:01 on February 3, 2021.

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

Pledge of allegiance lead by Matt Woodrow, chair of the school board.

Moderator H Clark Thyng made introduction of those present:

- School District Clerk: Jennifer Maurice
  - School Board Members: Matthew Woodrow (Chair of the School Board), Stephanie Helmig (vice chair), Mark Chalbeck (member), and Dana Buckley (clerk).
  - SAU administrators: Mr. William Rearick (Superintendent), Mrs. Marge Polak (Assistant Superintendent)
  - School administrators: Ms Becky Wing (Principal), Mrs. Kathryn Duncan (Director of Student Services), Chris Jamrog (Technical Director)
  - School District Attorney: Attorney David Sayward
  - Recognized to speak even though not residents of Candia with no objection: Mr. William Rearick, Ms Wing, Mrs. Polak, Mrs. Duncan, David Sayward and Mike Davy
2. 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 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 \$9,375,674? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$9,311,706, 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 5-4)

Matthew Woodrow made a motion to move the article to the ballot as read and was seconded by Stephanie Helmig.

Discussion opened.

Moderator H Clark Thyng closed the discussion and called for a vote. The vote was in the affirmative to move the warrant article to the ballot as written.

3. Shall the Candia School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of purchasing audio video equipment for the live streaming/recording of school board meetings and school events? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board 5-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)

Matthew Woodrow made a motion to move the article to the ballot as read and was seconded by Stephanie Helmig.

Discussion opened.

Moderator H Clark Thyng closed the discussion and called for a vote. The vote was in the affirmative to move the warrant article to the ballot as written.

4. Shall the Candia School District vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a multi-year (15 year) lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$2,415,000 for the purpose of installing energy saving equipment including but not limited to LED lighting, heating systems, roof replacements, HVAC upgrades, insulation, and other improvements to the Candia Moore School, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$204,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose? This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Future payments will be offset by guaranteed energy savings and a reduction in utility and fuel costs for the district. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board 5-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-2)

Matthew Woodrow made a motion to move the article to the ballot as read and was seconded by Stephanie Helmig.

Discussion opened.

Al Hall (Adams Rd) wants the budget committee to explain why they are not in favor of this warrant article.

Lynn Chivers (Depot Rd) from the budget committee stated that they said that it was a lot of money and a 15 year commitment. They don't deny that the school needs improvements. They see that often there is a surplus of money in the budge each year that could be encumbered and that could be used for improvements. The budget committee also felt that this isn't a good time for a 15-year loan.

Matt Woodrow explained that having a lease would allow the school to get the items needed be done at one time. We had a time this weekend when the heat didn't work and some of these issues are necessary to get fixed sooner. We are able to keep our school opened and we almost weren't able to. This is an opportunity to get all theses issues done in one chunk.

Al Hall (Adams Rd) stated that he supports the school board and not the budget committee.

Stephanie Helmig asked Mike Davy to explain the benefits for a loan verses a bond and what the cost savings for doing it all the work at once instead of spreading it out over time.

Mike Davy of Energy Efferent Investment took leaking parts of the roof, duct work issues, and air quality we work with school boards. The down sides is having poor quality through different years. Cost savings for doing it all at once. Building costs go up each year. Doing it each year increases costs in interests rates as well as the building rates. All together verses phases. Energy savings could come in the beginning of the lease. There is an escape clause and you could pay off the lease earlier if there is a surplus. You cannot prepay a bond early.

Stephanie Helmig brought up the concern of the transition between two of the additions and the roof.

Mike Davy stated that the transition between the two roof lines has been added to the repair lists.

Todd Keating mentioned that with the amount being \$2.4 million he was looking for more than one bid. He thinks the public needs more information shared with the public. The Turner report should be shared more with the public.

Matt Woodrow stated that it wasn't the first time the Turner report has been presented. This was presented at our meetings in 2018. These jobs could be subcontracted out.

Willian Rearick included that if these jobs come in less than what we thought, we would pay less. If they are more, we will not pay more. Mike's firm guarantees the price won't be more.

Todd Keating stated he had heard it before. But believed that most of the public has not heard it before.

Moderator H Clark Thyng closed the discussion and called for a vote. The vote was in the affirmative to move the warrant article to the ballot as written.

Motion to adjourn made by Al Hall and seconded by Stephanie Helmig.

Meeting dissolved at 6:24.