

CANDIA SCHOOL DISTRICT DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Meeting opened at 6:02 on February 5, 2020

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

Pledge of Allegiance lead Matthew Woodrow, chair of the school board

Moderator H Clark Thyng made introductions 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), Mrs. Amy Ransom (Business Administrator)
- School administrators: Ms Becky Wing (Principal), Mrs. Michelle Lavallo (Assistant Principal), Mrs. Kathryn Duncan (Director of Student Services), Chris Jamrog (technical director)
- School District Attorney: Thomas Barry
- Recognized to speak even though not residents of Candia with no objection: Mr. Rearick, Ms Wing, Mrs. Polak, Mrs. Ransom, Mrs. Duncan, and Thomas Barry

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 those paid in the prior fiscal year:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Estimated Increase</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2020-2021 | \$84,212 |
| 2021-2022 | \$67,427 |
| 2022-2023 | \$69,466 |

and further to raise and appropriate \$84,212 for the current 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) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0)

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

Discussion opened.

Ken Goekjian (North rd): Can you give us the highlights of the contract agreement? Matt Woodrow responded that there is a 2% increase in salary and the teachers will pay 2% more in the second two years of the contract for insurance.

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 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 \$8,996,747? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,946,326, 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)

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): Noticed that a number of items were deleted from the budget. Why were those lines deleted? Matt Woodrow responded that the budget committee requested a cut in the budget of about \$130,000 from the budget. They returned to the budget and cut those items that were the least impactful to the students. Mr. Hall asked how the school would make up the difference? Mr. Woodrow stated that there was little room for movement. The board is going to use the trust fund for the capital improvements. The school has 9 HVAC units that are in need of repair that we will be chipping away at. The board feels confident that we will be able to meet the budget.

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 Ken Goekjian and seconded by Judy Lindsay.

Meeting dissolved at 6:16.

Submitted by
Jennifer Maurice
School District Clerk