

POMFRET
SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

March 2, 2010

The 210th Annual School District Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Kevin Geiger, Moderator.

Articles:

1. Kevin Geiger was elected Moderator. He was given the oath of office by the Town Clerk, Lynne A. Leavitt. Passed unanimously.
2. Orson L. St. John moved to accept reports submitted. Elizabeth L. Rhodes pointed out a typo on pages 46 – 49 the last column on the budget should read 2010-2011. Ronald A. Galotti seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. Edward G. Greene was elected Town School Director for a 3 year term. Passed unanimously.
4. Charles L. Powell was elected Woodstock Union High School Director for a 3 year term. Passed unanimously.
5. Victoria A. Jas was elected Woodstock Union High School Director for the remaining 1 year of a 3 year term. Passed unanimously.
6. Kevin H. Lessard moved that the voters of the Pomfret School District appropriate \$1,207,814 (One Million Two Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars) as the amount necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2010. Orson L. St. John asked Kevin Lessard to explain the budget. Kevin Lessard said the budget is down 1% from last year and they are keeping the staff level same as last year. He also explained that the school is just over 20 years old and needs some improvements. In 2009 they replaced 1/3 of the roof and in 2010 they will replace another 1/3 of the roof. They will also be upgrading the AC system and the whole electronic system as well as the second half of the painting on the back of the school. Sonia Burnham explained the tax rate calculation on page 50. There was a discussion on consolidating/combining schools due to the declining enrollment. Anne L. Bower seconded. Passed unanimously.
7. Robert W. Merrill moved that the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, for payment of current expenses of the district, pending receipts of payment of taxes. Robert J. O'Donnell seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Other business:

Margaret (Peggy) J. Spencer was introduced and welcomed as the new principal for the Pomfret School.

Kevin Lessard noted that Sonia Burnham is retiring this year and she will be missed.

Kevin Geiger adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Results of Pomfret vote for WUHS Budget Article 4 - \$11,073,389: Yes – 60 / No – 28

Results of Pomfret vote for Article 5 Shall the District authorize the Board of Directors to appropriate \$135,000 (one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars) for replacement of existing windows in the middle school to improve window efficiency and provide emergency exit?: Yes – 68 / No - 20

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne A. Leavitt, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Date:

