

POMFRET
SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

March 7, 2017

The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM (as warned) by Kevin Geiger, Moderator. At that time, Bill Emmons moved and Norwood Long seconded that the body vote to recess the school meeting until 1:00 PM, as that is the time the meeting is traditionally held. Following a unanimous voice vote in the affirmative, the meeting was recessed at 10:04 AM.

The School District Meeting was again called to order (out of recess) at 1:00 PM by the Moderator.

1. Kevin Geiger was nominated as Moderator, and was unanimously elected.
2. Greg Greene moved to accept and act on the reports submitted. Anne Bower seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Jody Eaton nominated Patti Kuzmickas as School Director to the Pomfret School Board for a term of three years. Bill Emmons moved to have the clerk cast one ballot for Patti, and Bob Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Greg Greene nominated Bob Coates as School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 Board for a term of three years. Bob Merrill moved to have the clerk cast one ballot for Bob Coates, and Bill Emmons seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Bob Coates nominated Greg Greene as School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 Board to fill the remaining year of a two year term. Bill Emmons moved to have the clerk cast one ballot for Greg, and Bob Merrill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Norm Buchanan moved that the voters of the Pomfret School District approve a budget of \$1,650,695 as the amount necessary for the support of the Prosper Valley Joint School District (TPVS) for the year beginning July 1, 2017 (the estimate based on current information is that the Pomfret School District assessment will be \$922,671 of the total Joint School budget). Terry Kenison seconded the motion. Jody Eaton (School Board Chair) noted that the spending increase since last year is largely due to increased enrollment in both pre-K and K-6. Other increases included the supply budget, technology staffing and equipment, maintenance and cleaning increases, a raise in salary and hours for the administrative assistant, increased hours for the school nurse, and an increase in Special Education testing and staffing. Richard Seaman (WCSU Finance Director) explained the Special Education requirements, and noted that those numbers are out of our local control as the rates are set by the State. After some discussion of the increases and words of support from parents of current and former students, the motion passed by a ballot vote of 47-7.
7. Anne Bower moved to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and Norm Buchanan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Other business: Senators Dick McCormack and Alison Clarkson spoke to the assembly about their current committee assignments and some of the work that is currently being done in the statehouse on Act 46 adjustments, single-payer insurance, opiate addiction/rehabilitation/prevention, economic development, and housing.
- 9-11: Articles to be voted by Australian Ballot – The Moderator opened the floor to questions for the School Board members regarding the formation of a new unified school district (Windsor Central Unified Union School District) in response to the Act 46 legislation passed in 2015. Bob Coates (WUHS Board, Act 46 Committee member) gave a brief rundown of the way the Unified District would work, including the board structure and governance and the goals they would be looking to accomplish.
9. By Australian Ballot vote, Pomfret voters approved the formation of the WCUUSD: Yes – 125 / No – 16 / Blank – 4
10. By Australian Ballot vote, Patti Kuzmickas was elected School Director to the WCUUSD Board for a 2 year term expiring March 2020.
11. By Australian Ballot vote, Robert “Bob” Coates was elected School Director to the WCUUSD Board for a 3 year term expiring March 2021.

Anne Bower moved to adjourn and Greg Greene seconded, and the Moderator declared the meeting closed at 2:20 PM.

Results of Pomfret vote for WUHS District #4 Article 4: Budget of \$11,698,853 for the year beginning July 1, 2017: Yes – 115 / No – 33

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Fielder, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Date:

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