

BETHEL TOWN SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2016

Pursuant to the warning recorded on the previous page, the Annual School Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at the Whitcomb High School Gym with 102 voters checking in. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Art. 1 Eric Benson was elected Moderator for the year ensuing. Vv unan.  
Nominated by Louise Ferris-Burt.

Art. 2 Jean Burnham was elected School Treasurer for the year ensuing. VV unan.  
Nominated by Jim Gray.

Art. 3 Voted to approve the school board to expend \$5,648,027, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing school year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,609.78 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .24% higher than the spending for the current year. Passed by a voice vote.

Motion made by Gene Kraus and seconded by Marc DeMarcio.

School Board member Lisa Floyd gave a presentation of the many positive things that were happening at the school.

Principal Owen Bradley then spoke on the new budget and thanked the entire staff and school board for all their hard work.

Several others spoke on their concerns and the need for some of the new positions.

Schoolboard member Todd Sears stated that this budget would mean we would be spending \$40 more per student and felt that it was money well spent.

A motion was then made by Gene Kraus to call the vote.

Art. 4 Voted to allocate \$58,500 from the 2014-2015 General Fund Surplus to the Building Reserve Fund. Passed by a voice vote. Motion made by Bill Bonsignore and seconded by Kimberly Prestridge.

Art. 5 Elected Todd Sears as School Board Director for a 2 year term beginning March 2016 and ending March 2018. Nominated by Louise Ferris-Burt. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot.

Art. 6 Voted to authorize the school Board to borrow by issuance of bonds, or notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the current school year and the upcoming school year.

Art. 7 Other business:

There were concerns about keeping the hot lunch program local.  
Rhonda Ketner said food services can operate in the black and offered her services .  
Concerns on changing name of sports teams from Hornets to Whitechester. Show of hands favored change.  
Superintendent Meg Bowden spoke some on the consolidation and Act 46  
Schoolboard Chair David Eddy thanked Meg Bowden for all her good work.  
Todd Sears gave a presentation of how Act 46 will affect the school.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk