

Winthrop Town Council
Special Meeting

Monday June 15, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Town Office

Attendance: Councilors Kevin Cookson, David Rheaume, Patricia Engdahl, Sarah Fuller, Linda Caprara. Town Manager – Cornell Knight, Supt of Schools Steve Cottrell, John Mitchell, Chairman of the School Board.

Meeting is called to order at 5:30 pm.

Item #73 Consider the proposed 2009-10 School Budget Warrant Articles 1-18. (attached)

RESOLUTION NO. 95 – Part II

TOWN COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR passage of the following appropriations for support of the School Department for the fiscal period **July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010**

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 - AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for regular instruction.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 4,005,595

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for special education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 1,090,471

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for career and technical education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 36,500

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for other instruction.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 510,189

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend on student and staff support:

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 523,086

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for system administration.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 319,742

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for school administration.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 507,925

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for transportation and buses.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 419,608

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for facilities maintenance.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 1,244,284

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for debt service and other commitments.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 1,325,073

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for all other expenditures.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 23,001

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Rheame to approve Articles 1-11.
Vote 5-0.

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 – RAISE FUNDS FOR PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the District will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the town will raise and assess as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. This sum includes the state penalty of \$173,371.07 which is assessed against the school district for non-consolidation.

Recommended amount set forth below:

**Total EPS appropriation
Town of Winthrop**

\$8,540,146.13

**Total EPS raised assessment
Town of Winthrop**

\$3,846,313.07

Explanation: The District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described by the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the District must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Motion by Rheame Seonded by Fuller to approve Article 12. Vote 5-0.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the district will raise and appropriate for annual payments on local debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12:

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 216,714

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payment on the district's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of the long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Rheame to approve Article 13. Vote 5-0.

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$694,326**) which exceeds the state’s Essential Programs and Services model by **\$513,273** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Education.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the District’s budget for educational programs.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Fuller to approve Article 14. Vote 5-0.

ARTICLE 15- SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see the sum the District will authorize the Board of Education to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 from the District’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-1, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS: \$ 10,005,474

Motion by Rheame Seconded by Caprara to approve Article 15. Vote 5-0.

Councilor Jenkins arrives.

ARTICLE 16– AUTHORIZES THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town of Winthrop will authorize to expend \$447,689 for School Nutrition Program and raise **\$115,000** as the local share.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Fuller to approve Article 16. Vote 6-0.

ARTICLE 17 - AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Winthrop will authorize to expend \$118,051 for Adult Education and raise **\$25,000.00** as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the Adult Education Program.

Motion by Fuller Seconded by Rheame to approve Article 17. Vote 6-0.

ARTICLE 18- AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal and state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditures of other funds not previously appropriated?

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to approve Article 18.

Councilor Rheaume asked the Superintendent of Schools if the penalty amount for not consolidating is delayed or suspended will the money be spent. Mr. Cottrell said it would be put in reserve.

Vote 6-0.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to suspend the second reading of the Articles 1-18. Vote 6-0.

Item # 74 Consider the Notice of Special Election for the Budget Validation Referendum for the Winthrop School Department.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Jenkins to approve the Warrant and schedule the voting for June 23rd.

Vote 6-0.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to adjourn at 5:46 pm. Vote 6-0.