

Town School District Minutes

March 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town School District of Brownington, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brownington Central School in Brownington Center in the Town of Brownington, Vermont on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at one o'clock in the afternoon to transact the following business, namely:

1. To elect a Moderator

Chris Myott nominated Albert "Pat" Davis. Chris Myott made a motion to cease nominations. The motion was seconded and carried. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Albert "Pat" Davis for Moderator.

2. To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers

Chris Myott made a motion to accept the reports as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

3. To elect the following officers as provided by statute

a) A school director for a term of three years (vice Jeremy Haney)

Larry Chase nominated Jeremy Haney. Chris Myott nominated Brandy Robillard. Chris Myott made a motion to cease nominations. The motion was seconded and carried. Barbara Thompson asked the nominees to speak. Both nominees briefly spoke as to why they would like to be a School Director.

Vote #1

<i>Jeremy Haney – 20</i>	
<i><u>Brandy Robillard – 6</u></i>	
<i>Total -</i>	<i>26</i>

Must have 14 to win

Jeremy Haney was elected to serve as School Director for a term of 3 years.

b) A school director for the Lake Region Union High School District for a three-year term. (vice Pat Davis)

Chris nominated Albert "Pat" Davis. Bev White made a motion to cease nominations. The motion was seconded and carried. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Albert "Pat" Davis for Lake Region Union High School Director for a term of 3 years.

4. **To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money to pay indebtedness and current expense of the District.**

Larry Chase made a motion to do so. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

5. **To see what annual salaries the electorate shall authorize in payment of the School Directors.**

Chris Myott made a motion to do so. The motion was seconded. It was asked what the budgeted amount for the annual salaries is. The amount is \$3700.00. The motion was carried by voice vote.

6. **To see if the voters will authorize an appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Capital Reserve Fund established by vote at the 2007 Annual Meeting pursuant to provision 24 V.S.A. Section 2804; such funds to be used to reduce bond payments in the operating budget, repair, replacement and/or upgrading the structural components or operating system of the Brownington Central School.**

Eileen Baker made a motion to do so. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

7. **Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expense \$1,605,259., which is the amount the school board had determined necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,589 per equalized pupil this projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.32% higher than spending for the current year.**

Larry Chase made a motion to do so. The motion was seconded. Eileen Baker asked what the 4.3% increase is from. Debbie Brunelle stated that there was a loss of tuition students, as well as a new health plan that needed to be negotiated with the teacher's unions. There is \$30,000.00 less in revenue, and overall the budget is down, but the actual spending is up. There was also an increase in special education, and the board spent a lot of time looking at the budget and had to cut a teaching position for the ensuing year that will result in the combining of classes.

Joan Huguenin wanted to know if the 17 full time employees are justified. Debbie explained that the full-time para-educators are not within the board's control, they are assigned to students with IEP's in place. Dan Pellerin asked why that the budget is down and the cost per pupil is up. This is because funding sources are down and they are no longer anticipating carrying over a fund balance from year to year. Eileen Wolff asked if the 4.32% increase for Brownington is the same number that the state is saying is an average of 2.5%. Debbie said that it is the same number, and town to town throughout the state the percent varies. The motion was carried by voice vote

8. **Discussion of other non-binding business.**

Brandy Robillard thanked all the school directors for their service and Debbie Brunelle for her clear explanation to the questions asked.

9. To adjourn.

Brandy Robillard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 P.M. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie Faust