

**2012 RANDOLPH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012  
CHANDLER MUSIC HALL**

Before calling the meeting to order Moderator Kelly Green introduced herself and Town Clerk Joyce Mazucco to the audience. She instructed the audience on how to be recognized to speak at the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak on an issue should raise his/her hand and wait to be recognized by the Moderator before being given permission to speak. She asked that anyone speaking at the meeting use one of the portable microphones which one of the runners handling the microphones will bring to the recognized speaker. State law allows only registered voters to speak and vote on the issues at this meeting. Anyone who is not a registered voter in the Town of Randolph and wishes to address any matter under discussion must be given permission by the registered voters assembled. Moderator Green asked for anyone who is not a registered voter in the Town of Randolph to stand. She asked that these individuals not vote on any matters before the meeting. Moderator Green said that Robert's Rules of Order would be used in the conduct of the meeting. Each person recognized to speak will be allowed to speak two times on each question and will be allowed to speak up to ten minutes each time.

The 2012 Annual Randolph School District Meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Moderator Kelly Green. The meeting began with the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance". Moderator Green told the audience that the Randolph School District Annual School District Meeting Warning could be found on page 71 of the 2012 Town Report. Articles II, III, and IV, were being voted on by Australian ballot at the Town Hall.

**ARTICLE I. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town School District Officers and Committees.** Moderator Green told the audience that the School District reports could be found on pages 75 through 105 of the 2012 Town Report. Ms. Green recognized the Randolph Elementary School Board Directors Anne Kaplan, Brooke Dingleline, Anne Black Cone, Jen Messier and Sarah Murawski (unable to attend meeting). Ms. Green also recognized the Randolph High School Board Directors Scott Lewins, Laura Soares, and Michael Van Dyke, as well as Randolph Elementary School Principal Erica McLaughlin and Orange Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) Superintendent Brent Kay. Ms. Green commented on the work being done by a school committee which is exploring the feasibility of consolidating the Randolph, Brookfield and Braintree Elementary Schools into a Regional Educational District (RED).

Anne Kaplan and Ramsey Papp provided some background information about RED's. If the elementary schools from the three towns were to consolidate, the Regional Educational District board would consist of eight (8) members—two (2) from Braintree, two (2) from Braintree and four (4) from Randolph. The board members would be elected from their respective towns. There are a number of reasons why forming a RED will be beneficial to the three towns: 1) controlling costs; 2) sharing resources; 3) focus on learning; 4) sustainability; 5) continuity; and 6) state tax breaks. The committee has been meeting since June of 2011 and will try to make a recommendation in June 2012. If the recommendation is to form a RED, a vote will be held in November and all board seats will be voted then. If the vote is successful, the RED will become effective as of July 1, 2013. All three towns must agree to this. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. where the public is invited to provide input to the

committee about consolidating the schools and the formation of a RED. Brooke Dingleline told the audience that handouts were available in the back of the hall that provides some basic information about regional educational districts, and information is also found in the Town Report.

John Joy asked why no maintenance has been done to the OSSU building. Moderator Green asked the audience if they would grant permission to Superintendent Kay to speak since he is not a registered voter in the Town of Randolph. There was no objection to allowing Superintendent Kay to speak. Mr. Kay said the supervisory union did a facilities study about 10 years ago to prioritize the maintenance performed on the various school buildings. The OSSU office was last in priority. There are plans being formulated to address the maintenance and repairs needed for the OSSU building.

Forrest MacGregor made a motion to accept the reports of the school district officers and committees. The motion was seconded by John Westbrook. Discussion followed, with the following individuals participating in the discussion: Joe Voci, Brent Kay, William Kevan, Chris Wilson, Laura Soares and Anne Kaplan. The discussion included questions and comments about surpluses, how surpluses are used, bid processes, balances in the various reserve funds, and if forming a RED will free up administrative staff time for other functions. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote.

**ARTICLE II. To vote by Australian Ballot on the following Town School District Officers:**

- SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a term of two years**
- SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a term of three years**
- SCHOOL DIRECTOR for Union High School District No. 2 for a term of three years**

Moderator Green told the audience that discussion about the election of officers is not allowed as the officers are elected on by Australian ballot.

**ARTICLE III. To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:**

- Shall the voters of the Randolph Town School District appropriate \$4,449,245.00 necessary for the support of its elementary school for the year beginning July 1, 2012?**

**ARTICLE IV. To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:**

- Shall the voters of the Randolph Town School District approve the transfer of \$60,000.00 in surplus funds from the 2010-2011 school year to the Bus Replacement Fund for the year beginning July 1, 2012?**

**ARTICLE V. To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:**

- Shall the voters of the Randolph Town School District approve the transfer of \$65,794.00 in surplus funds from the 2010-2011 school year to the Building Maintenance Fund?**

Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion on these three articles. There was no discussion on this article.

**ARTICLE VI. To vote on the floor the following:**

- Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money up to but not exceeding the anticipated revenue for the ensuing year?**

Moderator Green told the audience that this question was for approval by floor vote. Joe Voci made a motion to authorize the School Board to borrow money up to but not exceeding the anticipated revenue for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Martha Hafner. The floor was opened for discussion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote.

**ARTICLE VII. To do any other business proper to come before the meeting.** Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion on this article. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**A True Record.**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk  
Joyce L. Mazzucco

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_, Moderator  
Kelly Green

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