

**2016 RANDOLPH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016
CHANDLER MUSIC HALL**

Moderator Kelly Green announced that the meeting would begin with the Annual School District Meeting, immediately followed by the Annual Town Meeting. She began the Annual School District Meeting by introducing herself and Town Clerk Joyce Mazzucco to the audience. She gave instructions to the audience on how to be recognized to speak at the meeting and on how to use the microphone. Only registered voters in the Town of Randolph will be allowed to speak at the meeting. She asked that anyone wishing to speak at the meeting use the microphone to enable everyone to hear what is said. Moderator Green told the audience that, under Robert's Rules, each person is allowed to speak twice on a topic and is subject to a 10 minute time limit.

Moderator Green called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. She asked the audience to stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance". Moderator Green asked if any of the school directors were present at the meeting. Brooke Dingleline and Jennifer Messier were present and were introduced to the audience. Moderator Green also introduced Dr. Brent Kay, Orange Southwest Supervisory Union Superintendent. She noted that Dr. Kay is not a registered voter in the Town of Randolph, and stated that she would allow Dr. Kay to speak at the meeting if there were no objections. There were no objections.

Moderator Green informed the audience that the Randolph School District Warning could be found on page 81 of the Annual Town Report.

ARTICLE I. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town School District Officers and Committees. Moderator Green asked if any of the school directors wished to provide any additional information to the reports as presented in the Town Report. The school directors had no further information to add. Moderator Green asked for a motion to approve the reports as presented. Larry Richburg made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mark Kelley seconded the motion. There was no discussion of the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote. The reports were approved.

Moderator Green reminded the audience that Articles II-VI were being voted by Australian Ballot concurrently at the Randolph Town Hall.

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.**

Michael Penrod was recognized and said he thought discussion of all warned articles was permitted. Moderator Green stated that by State Statute, discussion of candidates running for office is not allowed.

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

- Shall the voters of the Randolph School District approve the school board to expend **\$4,727,663**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This represents a **3.38%** increase from the previous year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$13,384** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **2.93%** higher than spending for the current year.

Brooke Dingledine, Chair of the Randolph Elementary School Board, told the audience that a public meeting was held the previous evening outlining the school budget. She stated that Dr. Kay could answer any specific questions about the budget. There was no discussion of the school budget.

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

- Shall the voters of the Randolph School District approve the transfer of **\$50,024** in surplus funds from the 2014-2015 school year to the Building Maintenance Fund?

Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion of this article. There was no discussion.

ARTICLE V. To vote by Australian Ballot on the Orange Southwest Unified District proposal and board members. (See Addendum)

Moderator Green told the audience that the Addendum Warning could be found on pages 83-84 of the Town Report and that these articles are being voted on by Australian ballot. There was no discussion of 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?

Chris Sargent made a motion to authorize the School Board to borrow money up to but not exceeding the anticipated revenue for the ensuing year. Matt Considine seconded the motion. Moderator Green opened the floor for discussion of the motion. There was a discussion about arbitrage and how it works and why the school district borrows money and invests the proceeds and about what savings may be gained from the school consolidation. Participating in the discussion were the following individuals: Cynthia Quilici, Brent Kay, Donald Maynard, and Sarah Crosby. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote.

ARTICLE VII. To do any other business proper to come before this meeting. Moderator Green opened the floor for other business. John Joy was recognized and he asked about the line item that appears on the Town Budget, page 3 of the budget handout, on Special Policing and why it was going from \$2,000 to \$22,500 and if this was related to policing at the schools. A lengthy discussion followed, with the following individuals participating in the discussion: Brent Kay, Melvin Adams, Joe Voci, Brooke Dingledine, Michael Penrod, Julie Iffland, Carolyn Lumbra, Joyce Mazzucco, Martha Hafner, Maria Puglisi, Sara Crosby, and Emma Schumann. Jenny Carter made a motion to direct the school board and the town to meet and discuss the question of special policing and how it is funded. Chris Sargent seconded the motion. Discussion continued. The following individuals participated in the discussion: Jenny Carter, Rick Hauser, Donald Maynard, Peggy Whitneck, Hannah Barden and Brooke Dingledine.

A motion was made and seconded to call the question. A two-thirds majority is required to call the question. Moderator Green took a voice vote and the motion to call the question carried by 2/3 majority vote. Moderator Green restated the motion “Shall the voters direct the school board and the town to meet to discuss who must fund special policing in the schools?” A voice vote was taken and the motion was defeated by majority vote.

Continuing under other business, Moderator Green recognized Sarah Crosby who commented about special policing. Moderator Green then recognized Wendy Wells. Ms. Wells asked the audience to recognize and thank the school board directors for all their hard, behind the scenes work in putting together the school budget. There was a round of applause for the school directors. Moderator Green noted that on page 25 of the Town Report is a list of the many people who serve the Town in some capacity as either elected officials or on committees and thanked them for their service.

There was no further business to consider. Moderator Green asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. There was none. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

A True Record.

Attest: _____, **Town Clerk**
Joyce L. Mazzucco

Approved by: _____, **Moderator**
Kelly Green

_____, **Randolph School Board Chair**
L. Brooke Dingleline