



**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES**

**COLCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

Moderator Jerry Flanagan called the meeting to order at 8:45p.m. In attendance were Larry Waters (Superintendent), George Trieb (Business Manager), Gwendolyn Carmolli (Director of Curriculum & Instruction), Carrie Lutz (Director of Special Education), Chris Antonicci (Union Memorial School Principal), Jim Marshall (Porters Point School Principal), Julie Benay (Malletts Bay School Principal) and Carolyn Dickinson (Colchester Middle School), as well as School Board Directors Dirk Reith (Chair), Dick Pecor, John Zenie and Paul Smith. Mike Rogers was not present.

ARTICLE 10

To choose a Moderator, if elected moderator is not present.

Elected moderator, Jerry Flanagan, was present. No action required.

ARTICLE 11

To act on reports of the School District Officers.

MOTION was made by Bart Frisbee and **SECONDED** by Tom Raub, to accept the reports. **VOTING: unanimous; motion carried. Article 11 is passed.**

ARTICLE 12

To set compensation, if any, to be paid to the School Board.

The compensation is currently set at \$1,300 for each School Board member.

MOTION was made by Mike Whalen and **SECONDED** by Judy Flanagan to set a stipend of \$1,300 each for compensation to the School Board for the coming year. **VOTING: unanimous; motion carried. Article 12 is passed.**

ARTICLE 13

To determine whether the District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money for current and necessary expenses by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for this school year.

MOTION was made by Roger Derby and **SECONDED** by Greg Gillard to adopt Article 13 as read. **VOTING: unanimous; motion carried. Article 13 is passed.**

ARTICLE 14

To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Larry Waters explained the district has come as close to level funding as possible while keeping programs. Enrollment continues to decline but sending buses to Grand Isle has helped to attract students from that area. In summary, they have reduced the budget by \$247,830 from last year.

George Trieb continued with a presentation showing graphs of expenditures, revenues, per pupil spending of \$11,441 compared to the State average of \$12,161 and property tax assistance. The total benefits increased by \$113,423 and total salaries and benefits represented 73% of the budget.

Maureen Dakin asked if Mr. Trieb knew how many other people above the 62.8% of those that receive tax assistance were not applying and could receive tax assistance. Mr. Trieb did not have that figure. He reported that the average property tax rebate received in Colchester was \$1,300.

ARTICLE 15

To adjourn said meeting and to reconvene at the Colchester Meeting House, Main Street, in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, for voters in District 7-1 to vote for School Directors and on the following propositions by Australian ballot with voting to begin at 7:00 a.m. and to close at 7:00 p.m.

To adjourn said meeting and to reconvene at the Colchester High School, Laker Lane (off Blakely Road), in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, for voters in District 7-2 to vote for School Directors and on the following propositions by Australian ballot with voting to begin at 7:00 a.m. and to close at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION was made by Tom Raub and SECONDED by Roger Derby, to adopt Article 15, as read. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried. Article 15 is passed.

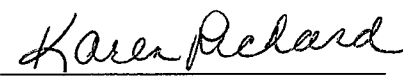
Moderator Flanagan adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the voters of the Colchester School District appropriate thirty one million, nine hundred and thirty three thousand, five hundred and eighty one dollars, (31,933,581) necessary for the support of schools for the year beginning July 1, 2011?

Respectfully submitted by:


June Campbell, Recording Secretary


Karen Richard, Town Clerk


Jerry Flanagan, Moderator