

Minutes for the School District Meeting
March 1, 2011

The legal voters of The Town of Peacham are hereby warned to meet in the Peacham Congregational Church on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 to transact the following business:

Article 1 To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting.

John Coffin nominated Rob Ide. There being no other nominations, a voice vote was taken. Ide elected.

Article 2 To hear the Auditors report on the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010.

There being no auditors present, the Moderator referred voters to page 1 of the School Report.

Article 3 To elect a School District Clerk/Treasurer.

Harley Colbeth nominated Bruce Lafferty. There being no other nominations, a voice vote was taken. Lafferty elected.

Article 4

To elect a School Director for a term of three years.
To elect a School Director for the remaining one year of a three year term.

Jean Clark nominated Wynne Browne for a term of three years. There being no other nominations, Diana Senturia moved to close nominations and asked the Clerk to cast a single ballot for Wynne Browne. Karen Fitzhugh seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Browne elected.

George Kempton nominated Jenny Mackenzie for the remaining one year of a three year term. There being no other nominations, Karen Fitzhugh moved to close nominations and asked the Clerk to cast a single ballot for Jenny Mackenzie. Charles Browne seconded. An affirmative voice vote closed nominations and the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Mackenzie elected.

Article 5

To hear a report of the Board.

Jo Anne Post introduced Hank Ruppertsberger, the new Peacham Elementary School principal.

Jo Anne Post presented the School Board report. She presented a chronological report of the school year events.

1. Hank Ruppertsberger was hired as the new Peacham Elementary School principal.
2. A discussion was held concerning voluntary merger of school districts. It was determined that the lack of consistency within the CCSU group of schools makes such a merger impossible.
3. Peacham will continue to receive a Small Schools grant from the State.
4. The School Board decided not to change the number of current staff. Fewer students were tuitioned out than budgeted for. This allowed Peacham and CCSU to meet their targets for the State legislative mandate Challenges for Change.
5. The Northern Skies Observatory has been completed. Hank Ruppertsberger is currently training as a docent so he will be able to operate and teach others to operate the observatory equipment.

Article 6

Shall the voters approve reserving the audited fund balance at June 30, 2010 for use in the FY 2013 budget?

Mark Clough moved the question. Diana Senturia seconded. Discussion followed. The fund balance is projected to be about \$54,500 subject to final approval of the audit. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 6 passed.

Article 7

Shall the voters of the Peacham School District vote to adopt an expenditure budget as presented for the school year ending June 30, 2012 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvement, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes?

Kathy Corcoran moved the question. Charles Browne seconded. The Moderator asked for the unanimous consent to allow Hank Ruppertsberger, Martha Tucker, and Rob Billings to speak on behalf of the School Board. There were no objections. Rob Billings handed out revised budget sheets. Discussion followed. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 7 passed with a total budget of \$1,604,390.

Article 8

Shall the voters of the Peacham School District approve the transfer of \$6,000 included in Article 6 to the Capital Fund?

Kathy Corcoran moved the question. John Marshall seconded. Charles Browne moved that Article 8 be amended by substituting Article 7 for Article 6 in the question. Dick Browne seconded. Discussion followed. The amendment passed on a voice vote and then the Article as amended also passed on a voice vote.

Article 9

Shall the voters of the Peacham School District approve the transfer of \$27,390 included in Article 6 to the Hot Lunch Fund?

Charles Browne moved the question. Kathy Corcoran seconded. Dick Browne moved that Article 9 be amended by substituting Article 7 for Article 6 in the question. Dart Thalmann seconded. The amendment passed on a voice vote and then the Article as amended also passed on a voice vote.

Article 10

Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

Charles Browne moved the question. Barry Lawson seconded. Jock Gill moved that the amount not exceed 80% instead of 90%. Lynn Lawson seconded. Discussion followed. Jock Gill withdrew his motion and Lynn Lawson withdrew her second. Jock moved that Article 10 be amended to include instructions for the School Board to consult with the CCSU Business Manager for next year. Lynn Lawson seconded. The Moderator called for a standing vote. The Board of Civil Authority reported 10 in favor 28 against. Amendment defeated. Article 10 stands as warned. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Article 10 passed.

Article 11

To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

John Marshall reported that personal obligations prevented the Potters from being present today.

Moderator announced that there are leftover lunch items for sale in the church kitchen.

Jane Stauffer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Karen Fitzhugh seconded. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham School Directors

Jo Anne Post



Wynne Browne



Jenny Mackenzie



Moderator

Robert Ide



Clerk to the School District

Bruce Lafferty