

TOWN OF TOWNSHEND

**TOWNSHEND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2011**

The Annual Townshend School District Meeting was called to order by David Liebow at 1:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Gregg Morrow nominated David Liebow.

David Dezendorf moved that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for David Liebow as Moderator for one year, which was seconded and passed by Voice Vote.

David Liebow was elected Moderator for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 2. To accept the reports of the School Directors as presented in the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 Auditors' Report.

So moved by Craig Hunt and seconded.

There being no discussion Article 2 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2 was approved

ARTICLE 3. To elect School Directors for the following terms:

One three term – until March, 2014

Nominated: Beth Cutts
Holly Hockertlotz
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Total Ballots Cast: 58 Cutts 43 Hockertlotz 13 Blanks 2

Beth Cutts - 3 year term Townshend School District Board

One year term – until March, 2012

Nominated: Kim Liebow
Craig Hunt, who respectfully declined
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Henry Martin moved that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Kim Liebow for a one year term Townshend School District Board, seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Kim Liebow - 1 year term Townshend School District Board

One year term – until March, 2012

Nominated: Holly Hockertlotz
Eleanor Lemire
Kathy Dugrenier who respectfully declines
Beth Beattie who respectfully declines

Total Ballots Cast: 57 Lemire 30 Hockertlotz 26 Spoiled 1

Eleanor Lemire- 1 year term Townshend School District Board

One three year term - Leland & Gray School Director until March 2014

Nominated Joe Winrich
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Henry Martin moved that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Joe Winrich for a three year a Leland & Gray School Director seconded and carried by voice vote.

Joe Winrich - 3 year term as Leland & Gray School Director

One three year term - Leland & Gray School Director until March 2014

Nominated Paul Jerz
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Gregg Morrow moved that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Paul Jerz for a three year a Leland & Gray School Director seconded and carried by voice vote.

Paul Jerz - 3 year term as Leland & Gray School Director

ARTICLE 4. To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of one year.

Nominated : Anita Bean
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed

Henry Martin moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Anita Bean for a one year term as School District Treasurer; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Anita Bean, 1 year term as School District Treasurer

ARTICLE 5. To see what salaries the Town School District will approve for Town School District Officers.

A Motion was made by Dezendorf and seconded by Craig Hunt to pay the School District Treasurer \$1,790.00 and the School Directors \$1,500.00 (5 @ \$300.00) per year.

So moved by David Dezendorf and seconded.

There being no discussion, Article 5 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5 was approved

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town School District will approve to raise by taxation for deposit into the School Capital Expenditures Fund.

Motion to pass over was made by David Dezendorf and seconded. Motion to pass over passed by 2/3 Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 6 passed over

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Townshend School District consider taking on the financial responsibility of providing pre-school education to the four-year-olds who reside in our community?

Motion to pass over made by Jan Stowell

David Dezendorf requested a division of the house. Irv Stowell called for paper ballot.

Total Ballots Cast 74 Yes 32 No 42

Motion to pass over failed.

Motion to approve the Article was made by Ryan Hockertlotz and seconded.

There was discussion regarding the cost to the town. Kristina Wright explained that the initial cost would be \$20,000.00 but the town would get reimbursement from the State based on the Common Level of Appraisal.

There were further questions transportation the number of children as to whom would provide it.

Two members of the school board were not in favor. One member said it was going to happen one way or

another.

Some felt that earlier education is advised and helps speed up the learning process. It is education and not daycare.

There was concern with the effect this program would have on property taxes.

Motion to call the question was made by Ken Lemire; seconded and carried by 2/3 voice vote.

Paper ballot was requested.

Total Ballots Cast: 80 Yes 48 No 31 Blank 1

ARTICLE 7 was approved

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town School District will approve for the running expenses and liabilities of the School.

Motion to approve \$1,282,698.00 for the running expenses and liabilities of the school was made by David Dezendorf and seconded.

David Dezendorf stated that this budget is \$81,000.00 less than the previous year. This amount would include \$20,000.00 for the proposed development of a pre-school program.

Point of Order. There should be a motion to amend the amount due to the non-inclusion of a monetary figure in Article 7.

Motion to Amend the Article to approve \$1,252,698.00 for the running expenses and liabilities of the school was made by David Dezendorf and seconded.

Motion to Call the Question and vote on Amendment was made by Irvin Stowell and seconded.

Motion to end debate failed.

A Motion was made to suspend the rules to allow Deborah Leggott, Principal, to address the assembly, which was passed without objection.

She spoke to the budget constraints and her willingness to be both the principal and taking on duties as a counselor. Not necessarily a best practice but would do it to keep expenses down.

There being no further discussion, the vote on the Amendment failed by voice vote.

Main Motion “to approve \$1,282,698.00 for the running expenses and liabilities of the school” passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 8 was approved

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue?

So moved by Craig Hunt and seconded by David Dezendorf.

There being no discussion, Article 9 passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 9 was approved

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters of the Town School District authorize the School Directors to spend “unanticipated” funds such as grants or gifts that may be received by the District for school purposes?

So moved by Craig Hunt and seconded by David Dezendorf.

There being no discussion Article 10 passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 10 was approved

ARTICLE 11. To set the date of the Annual Meeting of the Town School District for the First Tuesday

of March in the year of 2012 at 9:00 a.m. and every year thereafter.

So moved by Craig Hunt and seconded.

There being no discussion Article 11 passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 11 was approved

ARTICLE 12. To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before this meeting.

A suggestion was made by Skip Woodruff to elect all officials for the Town and School at the same time.

There being no discussion, David Dezendorf moved to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. seconded Craig Hunt and unanimously carried

Respectfully Submitted

Anita Bean, Town Clerk

Craig Hunt, School District Clerk

David Liebow, Moderator

Joseph Daigneault, Justice of the Peace