

**BRIGHTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2015**

The legal voters of Brighton Town School District met at the Brighton Town Hall in Island Pond, Vermont on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag.

Tom Donnellan introduced members of the school board which were, Chairperson, Charla Nadeau, Jeanne Gervais, Katie Mientka, David Pepin, Melanie Yasharian, and also the Principal, Denise Russell.

Shall the voters of the Brighton Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,916,600.00 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July, 2015? A motion was made by Craig Goulet to move this article to the floor for discussion. Anita Gervais seconds the motion. Denise Russell shared that presently there are 93 students enrolled in the Brighton School from Pre-school to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Vince Illuzzi spoke briefly about the concern of small town schools having to consolidate with other schools. He shared that small school grants are now available to protect small schools but within 3-5 years these grants will be phased out, and small communities will then become responsible for all moneys needed to support their school systems. This article was carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

Shall the voters of the Brighton Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to establish a Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund and transfer \$70,500 of FY2014 fund balance to this fund? A motion to move this article to the floor for discussion was made by Marshall Frizzell, seconded by Anita Gervais. The board explained that the school has a surplus from the 2014 Fiscal year and that this article is asking the voters if they would like to transfer this money to lower our property taxes for this fiscal year, or should they leave this money where it is and save it for a later time. Doug Niles suggested that it may be a better idea to leave the money set aside for student needs down the road. Anita Gervais also thought that this money would make more of a difference in the future for school needs than it will by being used as a tax stabilization fund. Janella Clarke asked how the school board felt about using these funds. It appeared unanimously that they would like to see the money rolled over for future school needs. Item #3 failed to pass.

Shall the voters of Brighton Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer the funds in the Bus Reserve Fund of \$80,000 to the newly established Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund? Marshall Frizzell made a motion to move this item to the floor for discussion. Carmen Murray seconded the motion. Because a Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund was not established, this article was amended to shall the voters take the money in the Bus Reserve Fund and transfer it to the General School Fund for the purpose of rolling over for future use. This article was carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenues for the purpose of paying current expenses? Carmen Murray moved this article to the floor for discussion, seconded by Craig Goulet. This article was brought forward by voice vote, The Ayes have it.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. At this time it was announced that Charla Nadeau would not be running for School Board Member. The Town's people gave her a round of applause, and thanked her for her dedicated service over the years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Moore  
Assistant Town Clerk

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Moderator

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School Board Member