

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 31, 2009
Kingswood Regional High School

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 2 (RSA 40:13) adopted by the school district, the first session (deliberative) of the 2009 school district meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Moderator Randy Walker. There were approximately 173 people present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance an a cappella group of Kingswood students known as "Route 28" performed a flawless rendition of "*The Star Spangled Banner*." The audience gave a warm round of applause.

The Moderator introduced Board members and others on the stage: Conner MacIver, Student Representative, Dr. James Manning, Stacy Trites, Charlene Seibel, Diane Drelick, Sheri Joy, Donald Meader, Ernest Brown, James Rines, Chair, Superintendent John Robertson, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kathleen McCabe, John Widmer, Vice-Chair, Attorney Barbara Loughman, Business Administrator/School Board Clerk Mary Patry, and Board Secretary Joanne Fiorini.

The Moderator stated that non-registered voters may not vote on any issue. The Moderator reviewed the procedural rules and explained that the purpose of this meeting is to determine the form of those warrant articles that will be on the official ballot on March 10, 2009. All amendments must be presented in writing, and only one at a time. The Moderator explained those articles may not be passed over or tabled and that the default budget in Article VI cannot be amended.

James Rines gave the "State of the Schools" message while a Power Point Presentation was viewed by the audience.

The Moderator read Article I and noted this article cannot be voted on until March 10, 2009.

ARTICLE I: To choose the following school district officers:

- (a) School Board Member from New Durham ... 3-year term
School Board Member from Tuftonboro ... 3-year term
School Board Member-At-Large ... 3-year term
- (b) School District Moderator ... 1-year term

The Moderator read Article II.

ARTICLE II: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-seven million two hundred forty-two thousand six hundred fourteen (\$67,242,614) dollars for the purpose of constructing new space and renovating existing space at the three schools located at the Kingswood Complex (Kingswood Regional High School, Kingswood Regional Middle School and the Region #9 Vocational Center), including equipment and furnishings, architectural fees, site development, professional service fees, and any other items incidental to and/or necessary for said construction; to authorize the issuance of not more than sixty-seven million two hundred forty-two thousand six hundred fourteen (\$67,242,614) dollars of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA

Chapter 33), as amended; to authorize the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board to obtain, accept and expend all state, federal, or any other aid that might be available; and to authorize the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board to determine: (1) the time and place of payments of principal and interest, (2) the rate of interest, (3) the provisions for the sale of notes and/or bonds, and (4) all other matters in connection therewith. Furthermore, shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of one million four hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred two (\$1,486,402) dollars to pay for the first year of interest on the bond or note with said sum of money to be raised by general taxation? **The School Board recommends this Article. (3/5ths vote required)**

School Board Member, Ernest Brown spoke on the proposed construction/renovation project while the audience viewed a PowerPoint presentation. He then turned to Mr. Chip Krause of CMK. Architects, P.A., who filled in for Al Corzilius, who was injured in an accident. Chip provided detailed information on the design of the structure. A few questions and comments were heard from the audience.

Motion: To investigate with the Department of Revenue Administration, the feasibility of inserting additional language at the end of Article II that would be contained in parenthesis stating the total cost of the project would be offset by approximately \$40,487,386 in anticipated building aid.

Moved by: Suzanne Ryan

Seconded by: Many

Vote: All voted in favor.

The Moderator read Article III.

ARTICLE III: : Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty-five (\$325,000) dollars for the replacement of the gym roof at the Ossipee Central School including construction, design fees, professional service fees, and any other items incidental to and/or necessary for said roof replacement project; to authorize the issuance of not more than three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), as amended; to authorize the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board to obtain, accept and expend all state, federal, or any other aid that might be available; and to authorize the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board to determine: (1) the time and place of payments of principal and interest, (2) the rate of interest, (3) the provisions for the sale of notes and/or bonds, and (4) all other matters in connection therewith. Furthermore, shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand one hundred twenty five (\$8,125) dollars to pay for the first year of interest on the bond or note with said sum of money to be raised by general taxation? **The School Board recommends this Article. (3/5ths vote required)**

Chairman James Rines spoke about this article while photos were displayed on the screen for the audience. There were no questions from the audience.

Motion: To not reconsider Article II.

Moved by: Scott Lounsbury Seconded by: Many

Vote: All voted in favor.

The Moderator read Article IV.

ARTICLE IV: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for repairs and improvements of buildings/grounds at the Kingswood Regional High School, Kingswood Regional Middle School, Region 9 Vocational–Technical Education Center, Carpenter School, Crescent Lake School, New Durham School, Effingham Elementary School, Ossipee Central School, Tuftonboro Central School and the SAU 49/Transportation Facility? **The School Board recommends this Article. (Majority vote required)**

School Board Member Donald Meader spoke about the maintenance projects for school district properties while the audience viewed a PowerPoint presentation. There were no questions from the audience.

Motion: To not reconsider Articles III and IV.

Moved by: Scott Lounsbury Seconded by: Many

Vote: All voted in favor.

The Moderator read Article V.

ARTICLE V: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional District authorize the School Board to execute a long term lease, easement, or boundary line adjustment with the Town of Wolfeboro for approximately 200 square feet on land that is part of the Kingswood High School site and located in the vicinity of the existing water tower? Furthermore, shall the School Board be authorized to take this action on such terms and conditions as they determine are in the best interest of the School District? **The School Board recommends this Article. (Majority vote required)**

School Board Member Charlene Seibel spoke about this article. There were no questions from the audience.

ARTICLE VI: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$40,217,485? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$40,133,820, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? * **NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations requested in ANY of the other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)**

School Board Member John Widmer spoke about the proposed budget while the audience viewed a PowerPoint presentation. There were no questions.

Motion: To not reconsider Articles V and VI.

Moved by: Scott Lounsbury Seconded by: Many

Vote: All voted in favor.

The Moderator read Article VII.

ARTICLE VII: Shall the Governor Wentworth Regional School District establish a budget committee pursuant to RSA 32:14 as permitted and described by RSA 195:12-a? **(SUBMITTED BY PETITION – This Special Warrant Article requires a majority vote)**

Moderator Walker noted the supporters of this petitioned warrant article were not present.

Motion: To amend Article VII by inserting “feasibility study committee to assess the merits, if any, of establishing” following “Shall the GWRSD establish a.....” and before “a budget committee.....”.

Moved by: Stephen Hale Seconded by: Many

Vote: All voted in favor.

ARTICLE VIII: If Article VII (to establish a school district budget committee) passes, shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the budget committee, adopted under RSA 32:14? **(SUBMITTED BY PETITION – This Special Warrant Article requires a majority vote)**

Atty. Barbara Loughman noted if the amended Article VII passes, then Article VIII is moot.

Motion: To not reconsider Articles VII and VIII.

Moved by: James Rines Seconded by: John Widmer

Vote: All voted in favor.

ARTICLE IX: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

No questions were raised from the audience.

The Moderator hearing no further questions stated all the articles would appear on the ballot on March 10, 2009 as presented here today. He also commended the administration and Board for presenting to the voters a well prepared presentation. The audience returned with a warm round of applause.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Patry, School Board Clerk