

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES – 2018
ANNUAL MEETING**

The legally qualified voters of the Montgomery Town School District, Montgomery, Vermont, met at the Montgomery Elementary School in the said Town, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, on Monday the 12th day of March A.D. 2018 at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following business:

Timothy Murphy, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator.

Wendy Howard nominated Timothy Murphy. Hearing no other nominations, Timothy was re-elected by voice vote

Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman, presented Bruce Mercy with an engraved trunnel commemorating his 18 years of service as School Director. Charles provided a brief description of Bruce's tenure and thanked Bruce for his work and dedication to our school.

ARTICLE 2: To elect one School Director for a term of two years. (Bruce Mercy – term expires)

Annie Purrier nominated John Witherspoon. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect John.

ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director for a term of three years. (Catherine Howell – term expires)

Wendy Howard nominated Catherine Howell. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Catherine.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$10,000 into the Capitol Project Fund?

Wendy Howard made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Following discussion regarding purpose and balance of the fund, the motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of school district approve the school board to expend \$2,663,361, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,060 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.58% lower than spending for the current year.

Richard Morgan Daybell made a motion to approve the school board to expend \$2,663,361 and was seconded. Charles Purrier explained the decrease in budget amount and per pupil spending as being attributable to the Town's Common Level of Appraisal, reduced high school tuition rates, small increase in the Small Schools Grant, more equalized students and a larger carryover of funds. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.


ARTICLE 6: To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.


Brent Godin asked if there are currently any discussion regarding school security and suggested that the Board consider a metal detector in the entryway and possibly a security officer. Lynn Cota, Superintendent, addressed the concerns and summarized discussions being had by all Boards in the Supervisory Union around increased security measures.

Wendy Howard asked if the School has anything planned to address the national walk-out protest slated for Wednesday, March 14th. No formal answer was offered.

Wendy Howard made a motion to adjourn at 7:47PM and was second. Motion passed by voice vote.

True records this 12th day of March, 2018

ATTEST: 
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

ATTEST: 
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST: 
Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman