

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY, VERMONT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – 2019**

Moderator, Timothy Murphy, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 11th, 2019.

- 1) **To elect a Moderator.**
Brent Godin nominated Timothy Murphy. Hearing no other nominations, Timothy was elected by voice vote.
- 2) **To elect a School Director for a term of two (2) years. (Mary Niles – term expires.)**
Christina Suarez nominated Mary Niles. Journey Snoke nominated Katherine Barnard. Following discussion, Journey withdrew her nomination. Hearing no other nominations, and no objection, the moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast a single ballot to re-elect Mary.

Mary Niles made a motion to suspend the rules and was seconded, to recognize Charlie Purrier for his years of service. The motion passed by voice vote.

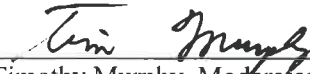
- 3) **To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years. (Charlie Purrier's term expires.)**
Brent Godin nominated Christopher Dixson-Boles. Journey Snoke nominated Katherine Barnard. Hearing no others, nominations were closed and a ballots were cast. Christopher was elected by a vote of forty-six (46) to twenty (20) with one (1) spoiled/blank ballot.
- 4) **Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,720,817, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,912 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.06% higher than spending for the current year.**


Marijke Cordes-Dollois made a motion to expend \$2,720,817 for the ensuing fiscal year and was seconded. Marty Vallender asked if this budget included a Small Schools Grant. Mary Niles stated that Montgomery will be receiving this grant and it is included in the budget. Allan Kalsmith asked if this budget is a Montgomery School District budget or a merged / unified district budget. Mary Niles stated that this budget is for Montgomery only and should merger be directed, there may be a need for another budget vote. Marijke Cordes-Dollois asked what the driving force was for the increase in the per pupil spending. Charlie Purrier stated that the increase was a result of lower revenue from various sources and higher expenses. Hearing no further discussion, the motion to approve the proposed budget passed by voice vote.

Allan Kalsmith made a motion to adjourn at 7:58PM and was seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

True records this 29th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST: 
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

ATTEST: 
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST: 
Mary Niles, School Board Chair