

TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
TOWNSHEND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2009

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.

David Dezendorf nominated David Liebow.

Kathy Hege 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 so voted.

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

ARTICLE 2. To elect School Directors for the following terms:

Three year term - until March 2012

Nominated: David Dezendorf
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

David Liebow moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for David Dezendorf for a three year term on the Townshend School District Board; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

David Dezendorf - 3 year term Townshend School District Board

One year term:

Nominated: Jessie Bishop
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

David Liebow moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Jessie Bishop for a one year term on the Townshend School District Board; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Jessie Bishop - 1 year term Townshend School District Board

One year term:

Nominated: Gregg Morrow (declined)
Berenice Brooks (declined)
Kristina Wright
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Carole Melis moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Kristina Wright for a one year term on the Townshend School District Board; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Kristina Wright - 1 year term Townshend School District Board

Three year term - Leland & Gray School Director until March 2012

Nominated: Berenice Brooks (declined)
Henry Martin (declined)
Michael Dolan
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

David Liebow moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Michael Dolan for a one year term on the Townshend School District Board; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Michael Dolan - 3 year term on Leland & Gray Board of Directors

ARTICLE 3. To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of one year.

Nominated : Anita Bean

Carole Melis 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 4. To see what salaries the Town School District will approve for Town School District Officers.

A Motion was made by Kathy Hege and seconded by Craig Hunt to pay the School District Treasurer \$1,737.00 and the School Directors \$1,500.00 (5 @ \$300.00) per year.

There being no discussion, Article 4 passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 was approved

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue?

So moved by Kathy Hege and seconded.

A question was raised as to whether or not there should be numbers, Chair, Kathy Hege, responded that it wasn't necessary for this Article.

There being no further discussion Article 5 passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5 was approved

ARTICLE 6. 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 Kathy Hege and seconded

After minimal discussion, Article 6 passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6 was approved

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town School District will approve for the running expenses and liabilities of the School.

A Motion was made by Kathy Hege and seconded by Craig Hunt to appropriate \$1,321,838.00 to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the school.

Discussion: Was the money just for the elementary school?
Explanation of Special Ed figures & enrollment

A Motion to Suspend the Rules to allow Deborah Leggott, Principal, to speak to budgetary issues passed by voice vote.

There being no further discussion, Article 7 passes by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 7 was approved

ARTICLE 8. 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?

So moved by Kathy Hege and seconded

After much discussion a Motion was made by Alicia Carusona and seconded to call the questions Voice Vote – ayes had it by 2/3 majority hand vote. Motion to end debate carried.
Request for paper ballot

Total: 106

Yes	51
No	54
Blank	1

ARTICLE 8 fails

ARTICLE 9. To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before this meeting.

There being no discussion, Kathy Hege moved to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. seconded by David Dezendorf and unanimously carried

Respectfully Submitted

Anita Bean, Town Clerk

Jessie Bishop, School District Clerk

David Liebow, Moderator

Joseph Daigneault, Justice of the Peace