

Townshend School District Annual Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend, in the County of Windham and the State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 9:05 A.M. in the Town Hall in said Town of Townshend on the first Tuesday, March 4th, 2014, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles: viz:

Meeting was called to order at 9:29 A.M.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year. 9:30

Craig Hunt nominated David Liebow as Moderator for a one year term. With no further nominations made, the nominations were closed and the Clerk instructed to cast one ballot for David Liebow as School District Moderator. Motion carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. To accept the reports of the School Directors as presented in the July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 Auditors' Report. 9:31

So Moved by April and seconded

Motion to Amend the Article to strike the word "Auditor" from the Article was made by April Chase and seconded.

Motion to Amend Article 2 passed by voice vote.

Main Motion "To accept the reports of the School Directors as presented in the July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 Report."

Article 2, as amended, passed by voice vote.

David Liebow introduced Townshend School Directors

ARTICLE 3. To elect School Directors for the following terms: 9:34

One (1) - three year term - until March 2017

Nominated: Elizabeth Cutts, respectively declined
Brian Schmidt, respectively declined
Cliff Passino

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Cliff Passino for a three year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

One (1) - one year term - until March 2015

Nominated: Tricia Shine
Elizabeth Cutts, respectively declined
Kimberly Liebow, respectively declined

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Tricia Shine for a one year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

One (1) - one year term - until March 2015

Nominated: Brian Schmidt, respectively declined
Elizabeth Cutts

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Elizabeth Cutts for a one year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

Moderator, David Liebow, explained that the Article for the election of L&G School Board Directors was inadvertently omitted from the Warning.

Motion to Suspend the Rules to allow the election of L&G School Board Directors was made by Craig Hunt and seconded. 9:40

One (1) - 3 year term – until March 2017

Nominated: Joseph Winrich
Ryan Hockertlotz

No other nominations – Request for Paper Ballot

Total Votes – 120 **Ryan Hockertlotz** – 35 **Joseph Winrich** – 80 **Spoiled** – 5 **Blank** – 0

Joseph Winrich elected for a three year term as Leland & Gray School Director.

One (1) – 3 year term – until March 2017

Nominated: Twilla Holden
Paul Jerz
Michael Charles
Art Monette – respectively declined
Ryan Hockertlotz – respectively declined

Request for Paper Ballot

Total Votes – 128 **Twilla Holden** – 65 **Paul Jerz** – 34 **Michael Charles** - 28 **Blank** - 1 **Spoiled** – 0

Twilla Holden elected for a three year term as Leland & Gray School Director.

ARTICLE 4. To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of one year. 10:15

One (1) - one year term - until March 2015

Nominated: Anita Bean

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Anita Bean for a one year term as School District Treasurer; seconded and carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. To see what salaries the Townshend School District will approve for Town School District Officers.

Treasurer	\$1,790.00
School Directors(1) Chair	\$ 500.00
(4) Members \$250 ea.	\$ 1,000.00

10:16

So moved by Kris Kuch and seconded. No discussion and the motion carries by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Townshend School District will approve \$1,416,472.00 for the running expenses and liabilities of the School. 10:17

So moved by April Chase and seconded.

Brief discussion:

Principals' salary
Student Population declination
Concern about costs per student

Motion to Suspend the Rules to allow Deborah Leggott, Principal of Townshend Elementary School, to speak was made and seconded. She spoke to concerns about costs per pupil, tuition, Pre K and Special Education.

No further discussion. Request for Paper Ballot

Total Votes - 136 **Yes** - 83 **No** - 52 **Spoiled** - 0 **Blank** - 1

Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Townshend School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue? 10:40

So moved by April Chase and seconded.

There being no discussion Article 7 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Townshend 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? 10:41

So Moved by Craig Hunt and seconded

There being no discussion Article 8 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To set the date and time of the Annual Meeting of the Townshend School District for the First Tuesday of March in the year of 2015 at 1:00pm. 10:42

So moved by Charlie Marchant and seconded.

There being no discussion Article 9 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before this meeting. 10:43

Number of students at Leland & Gray High School next year

Date of Leland & Gray High School budget revote (4/2/14)

Motion to Adjourn at 10:44 A.M. made by April Chase; seconded and carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Cutts - School District Clerk

David Liebow – Moderator

Joseph Daigneault - Justice of the Peace