

ISLE LA MOTTE
School Board
Special Budget Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017
at Isle La Motte School

Attendance: Board members: Louise Koss (LK), Jane Zera (JZ), Jen Rafferty (JR)
Barbara Burrington (Superintendent) (BB), Beth Hemingway (Director of Student Services)
(BH), Lynne Carpenter (GISU Business Manager) (LC) Pat Treckman, Michelle Murray

LK called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Questions and discussion ensued from the board directing questions and comments to LC regarding previously requested corrections to the budget FY 17-18. The board also held extensive discussion regarding clarifications around line items, which were answered by LC, TT and BH or BB.

A major question raised by LK to BH addressed the big decrease in expenditures between the current fiscal year and FY 17-18. BH indicated that there was a drop in tuitioned students of \$92,000.00 and the balance of the drop was attributable to a change in allocations for special education funding.

At 6:18 p.m., LK requested that the board go into executive session. The special budget meeting was paused and the board came out of executive session at 6:25 p.m.

A motion was made by LK for a warning for the FY 17-18 budget. JR seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about the completeness of the language in the warning provided by LC.

LK made a second motion to rescind the prior motion because of the incompleteness of the articles within that warning. JZ seconded that said motion be rescinded. Approved to be rescinded.

LK made a second motion to accept the following language for the warning of the FY 17-18 school budget:

“The legal voters of the Isle La Motte Town School District, Isle La Motte, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Isle La Motte Elementary School in Isle La Motte, Vermont, on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers as published in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 2. Will the Town School District authorize the School Board to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 3. To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting and to discuss any article to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

The legal voters of the Isle La Motte Town School District, Isle La Motte, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Isle La Motte Town Hall in Isle La Motte, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, polls are open from 9 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian Ballot the following article:

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$1,079,392.00 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 \$15,762.07 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.305 % higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5. To elect all School Officers as required by law.”

End warning language.

JZ seconded the motion proposed by LK to accept the warning language. Motion approved.

JZ made a motion to adjourn the special budget meeting at 7:16 p.m. JR seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted.

Jane Zera

Louise Koss

Jen Rafferty

