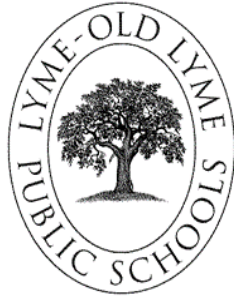


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REGION #18

District Budget Meeting

May 1, 2017

Board Present: Michelle Roche, Chairwoman; Jean Wilczynski, Treasurer; Diane Linderman; Nancy Lucas Edson; Mary Powell St. Louis; Stacy Winchell

Absent by Previous Arrangement: Erick Cushman; Rick Goulding; Beth Jones

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; Melissa Dougherty, Director of Special Services; Holly McCalla, Business Manager

Others Present: Marilyn Warren, Moderator; Glynis Houde, AFT Co-President; Bonnie Reemsnyder, Old Lyme First Selectwoman; Mary Jo Nosal, Old Lyme Selectwoman; 6 Community Members

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairwoman Michelle Roche. Jean Wilczynski read the call of the meeting as follows:

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Budget Meeting and Vote for the Regional School District No. 18 to be held at Regional School District No. 18, Board of Education Conference Room at Center School, 49 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017 to act upon the following:

1. To adopt a budget of \$33,634,271 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 as recommended by the Regional School Board.
2. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By vote of the Regional School District No. 18 Board of Education, the vote on item number 1 shall be by check off and paper ballots in the Town of Lyme and Old Lyme on May 2, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Voting will take place at the following locations: in the Town of Lyme, at the Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, Connecticut and in the Town of Old Lyme, at the Cross Lane Fire House, Cross Lane, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Mrs. Roche made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Wilczynski, to nominate Marilyn Warren as the moderator of the meeting. There were no further nominations. The vote on the motion was unanimously in favor.

Ms. Warren explained the qualifications for voting at the referendum and the specifics relative to voting in each town. The meeting was opened up for comments and questions.

A community member asked for an explanation of the increase in administrative services. Mr. Neviasek explained that this was due to a line item shift of the property and liability insurance from plant operation and maintenance to administrative services on the advice of the auditor. This community member pointed out some calculation errors on page 20 of the budget book. Mr. Neviasek said he would follow-up on this at the conclusion of the meeting.

A community member questioned the money budgeted for instructional programs. Mr. Neviasek explained that a portion of this increase was for the purchase of a new elementary math program. Mr. Neviasek further explained how curricular decisions are made on purchases of this type and how these programs are used by the staff.

A community member asked about the status of the district's marketing plan. Mr. Neviasek explained the impact of the marketing plan and its effect on enrollment. He confirmed that the budgeted amount for this initiative was \$50,000.

A community member asked if the district financially supported students' attendance at schools such as The Sound School. Mr. Neviasek referred to the money budgeted under instructional programs for Vo-Tech, Vo-Ag, Magnet School attendance. Follow-up discussion centered on gathering educational data on these students.

A community member asked about any costs associated with the portables located at Center School. Mr. Neviasek reported that there were no associated costs other than heat and electricity and that these spaces are used for storage.

There being no further comments or questions, the District Budget Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. to referendum the following day at the Lyme Town Hall and the Cross Lane Fire House from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. upon a motion by Mrs. Lucas Edson and a second by Dr. Powell St. Louis.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Wilczynski, Secretary Pro Tem