

Minutes 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024 6:30 PM
Waits River Valley School Gym

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Gary Apfel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by three students and God Bless America was sung.

Board Members present were Stacy Emerson, Nancy Ertle, Jeremiah Goyette-Stevens, Jason Rogers, Desiree Thurston and Michael Tkac. Also present were Principal, Carlotta Perantoni, Cate Beaton and Linda Metcalf from OESU, and Treasurer, Dick Kelley.

ARTICLE 1:

To elect the following School District Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.

Motion was made and seconded to cast one ballot for Gary Apfel for Moderator, Barbara (Bonnie) O'Connell for Clerk and Dick Kelley for Treasurer. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2:

To hear and act upon the reports of the Officers and School Directors.

There was a request for an explanation about how the deficit is being handled. A brief explanation was given with no further questions.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of the school officials and directors. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3:

Shall the voters of the Unified School District No.36 authorize the school board to expend eight million, four thousand, nine hundred thirty dollars (\$8,004,930.00) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

There was some discussion surrounding state testing and staff to student ratio that Carlotta explained. Dick talked about the secondary tuition cost and its impact on this budget. Stacy gave a comparison to other local school's budgets.

Motion was made and seconded. A voice vote was too close so it was moved to a show of hands.

Motion passed with 64 yes and 30 no.

ARTICLE 4:

Motion made and seconded to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Dick explained how bills come in before funding so we must borrow until monies arrive.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5:

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie (Barbara) O'Connell