

**Town of Charleston
Annual School District Meeting – March 5, 2019
Charleston Elementary School**

MINUTES

The Annual Town & School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Moderator Jean Wilson, beginning with School Business.

Article 1. To elect a School & Town Moderator for the ensuing year. Jean Wilson nominated by Bob Devaney, second by Jason Brueck. Unopposed. Elected for one year.

Article 2. To elect a School Board Director for a term of 3 years. Kristen Watson nominated by Jason Brueck, second by Penelope Newcomb. Unopposed. Elected for three years.

Article 3. To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of 1 year. Teri Gray nominated by Jason Brueck, second by Pat Austin. Unopposed. Elected for one year.

Article 4. Shall the voters of the School District approve the school board to expend \$2,004,000, 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 \$16,563 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.86% higher than spending in the current year.) Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Peggy Stevens. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Chair Jason Brueck said the budget is up 1.23%, compared to 2.5% across NCSU. As enrollment declines, classes are still large enough, but the board is moving slowly toward grade consolidation. In per-pupil spending, Charleston is on par with 2/3 of NCSU schools and in the mid-range statewide. Sue Dwelle thanked Mr. Brueck for his time on the board.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to make repairs and improvements to the Charleston Elementary School property, repaving the driveways and parking lot, in an amount not to exceed \$81,150, to be financed over a period of five years, subject to reduction by any available construction aid and grants received? Moved by Dan Whipple, second by Bob Devaney. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Pat Austin said the driveway is in poor shape, hindering winter maintenance and safe entrance/egress. Widening the driveway and paving/stripping the lot will allow two travel lanes and optimize parking. Cost will be minimized but depends on amount of gravel needed.

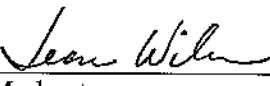
Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Ron Lavoie suggested moving Town Meeting until after work.

Seeing no other business, School Business concluded at 10:22 am.
DATED AT CHARLESTON THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2019.

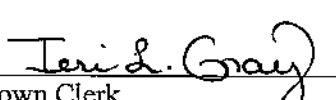
Respectfully Submitted



School Director



Moderator



Town Clerk