

**Town of Charleston
Annual School District Meeting – March 3, 2020
Charleston Elementary School**

MINUTES

The Annual Town & School District Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Moderator Jean Wilson, beginning with School Business.

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

Article 2. To elect a School Board Director for a term of 3 years. Ryan Besaw nominated by Pat Austin, second by Sue Dwelle. Unopposed. Elected for three years. Voters thanked Pat Austin for his service.

Article 3. To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of 1 year. Teri Gray nominated by Linda Studer, second by Bob Devaney. Unopposed. Elected for one year.

Article 4. Shall the voters of the School District approve the school board to expend \$2,140,638.21, 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 \$17,231 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.31% higher than spending in the current year. Moved by Nancy Engels, second by Sue Dwelle. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Chair Pat Austin said the school reduced in-house expenditures but the overall budget increased by 6.82% due to settling teacher contracts and a special services assessment from the supervisory union. A lower town CLA this year also increases the tax impact. Charleston Elementary has a great staff that is dedicated to students and does a lot more with less. The School Board recommends supporting this budget.

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the school board to transfer \$68,000 of unobligated fund balance from the FY2019 General Fund to the Asset Replacement Fund? Moved by Linda Studer, second by Jana Ferrie. Vote: Ayes have it. RESULT: Passed. Discussion: Pat Austin said the Board would like to move this money to pay off the paving job and save about \$20,000 per year in principal and interest. When the district receives grant funds awarded for the project, grant funds will go back into Asset Replacement.

Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Seeing no other business, School District Business concluded at 10:17 am.

DATED AT CHARLESTON THIS 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

School Director

Moderator

Town Clerk