

## MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2025

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The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025** at **10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

**Note:** The Town of Lowell has a checklist of 752 eligible voters. The number of votes cast for the North Country High School Budget was 49 total votes: 15-Yes & 34-No

- The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Alden Warner asked voters to take a moment to honor our American Flag and led voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The moderator read the announcements.
- Alden reviewed the Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

**ARTICLE 1:** *To ELECT SCHOOL MODERATOR for the ensuing year.*

- Alden Warner nominated: voice vote/carried
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 2:** *To ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO FINISH OUT THE REMAINING one year of a three-year term.*

- Jenna Delva was nominated; voice vote/carried
- Moderator asked the Clerk to cast one ballot for Jenna Delva. The Clerk then verified that one vote had been cast and put in an envelope for the record.
- **JENNA DELVA-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 3:** *To ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR for a three-year term.*

- Jason Blay was nominated
- Jeremy Cochran was nominated
- The Moderator instructed the people to vote by paper ballot to ensure the outcome of the nominees.
- Total number of votes was **100; JASON BLAY-68, JEREMY COCHRAN-31, 1-SPOILED**
- **JASON BLAY-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 4:** *To ELECT a UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR for a three-year term.*

- Shannon Sinclair was nominated; voice vote/carried
- Moderator asked the Clerk to cast one ballot for Shannon Sinclair. The Clerk then verified that one vote had been cast and put in an envelope for the record.
- **SHANNON SINCLAIR-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 5:** SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPEND \$2,387,126, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR? THE DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, IF APPROVED, WILL RESULT IN PER PUPIL EDUCATION SPENDING OF \$12,880, WHICH IS 0.07% LOWER THAN PER PUPIL EDUCATION SPENDING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

- Motion made and seconded.
- Questions were asked about salaries, health insurance, cost per pupil, and school curriculum. Shauna Richardson, School Board Chair, spoke on these subjects, and Rhoda McLure, School Principal, was granted permission to speak as well on these subjects.

- Questions were asked about considering consolidating our school as we have a very small number of students (74). Shauna Richardson explained that there is not a school big enough to be able to accommodate our students with the connecting towns to be able to consolidate.
- Motion was made and seconded to call the question; voice vote/carried/ayes have it
- Article was passed by voice vote

**NOTE: There was no article for non-binding business, or to adjourn on this year's warning. Moderator allowed the meeting to adjourn.**

- Moderator asked for motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded. Voice vote carried.
- Meeting adjourned 11:08 a.m.

***Attest:***

MODERATOR: Alden Warner \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR: Shauna Richardson \_\_\_\_\_

*Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book*

*Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk*