

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 16, 2013

MINUTES

Art. 1 Norman Blake was voted as moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to investigate the possibility of the Town of Baldwin withdrawing from MSAD#55, including having a study prepared of the potential costs or savings to the Town.

There was a motion and a second to accept the article as read. David Strock explains the idea of the Baldwin School closing and withdrawing from the district.

There was a motion and seconded for a paper ballot to vote on article 1. The residents voted and was not in favor of a secret ballot. Votes were 21 in favor and 33 not in favor.

There was plenty of discussion on this article. Most of the residents' concerns and questions were as follows:

What will happen if we lose our school?

What would be the process?

How much money and what would be the savings?

How will it affect our high school kids?

What will happen to the teachers?

Can we go alone or do we have to be combined with another town?

Will the property value decline without our school?

Shouldn't the responsibility be with our School Board Members?

Shouldn't it be considered that Baldwin School scored highest in the district?

Larry Lord motioned to move the question and was seconded by Jack Murphy and accepted.

Art. 2 Passes

Art. 3 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Fund Balance to pay for the study of the school.

There was a motion by David Strock to raise \$25,000.00 and was seconded. Other discussion followed with concerns of what if we need more money later on and if we had to come back to another special town meeting to raise more. Also, other questions were asked such as what are we authorizing the study to do and what is the best interest for Baldwin. Others felt that they needed more information and should have firmer figures to prepare the town.

There was a motion to move the article and was seconded. The motion passes.

Art. 3 Was accepted to raise \$25,000.00 from Fund Balance.

Art. 4 Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by the Town Clerk

Deborah L. Wakefield