

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 10, 2007**

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Stephen H. Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

The Reverend Susan Gregory-Davis delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator introduced the Clerk, School Board, Legal Counsel (Attorney David Bradley), and Professional Staff (Superintendent Russell Collins, Principal Ellen Langsner, and Financial Specialist Beth Biewirth).

The rules of the meeting were explained by The Moderator.

The Moderator then read the Certification of Posting and Certification of the Checklist, noting that 1,509 names were listed on the Checklist.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant. The vote by voice was in the affirmative.

ARTICLE I: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers as printed in the annual report.

Carin Reynolds recognized two retiring teachers, Sue McGee and Dennis Reisch. Sue McGee is planning to retire at the end of the school year after 29 years of service to the school. Dennis Reisch will retire after 40 years.

The vote by voice was in the affirmative and it was so declared.

ARTICLE II: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to install a sprinkler system and to treat the wood interior with a fire retardant, and necessary work associated with these projects, at the Plainfield Elementary School and to authorize the issuance of \$300,000 by bonds and notes for the School District in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,895 for the purpose of payment for the first year interest payment on the bond.

After much discussion, voting began on this article at 10:45 a.m. The polls for the bond vote were kept open until 12:00 p.m.

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The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 253 NO 54

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE III: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,157,897 for the support of schools, for payment of salaries to school district officials and agents, and for the payments of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

After some discussion, Carl Strong offered an amendment to Article III that would amend the sum of the original motion to read \$4,876,488 instead of \$5,157,897. This was moved and seconded.

The vote by secret written ballot on Carl Strong's amendment to Article III, reducing the budget by \$281,391, resulted in:

YES 142 NO 160

The vote was in the negative, the amendment lost, and it was so declared.

The vote by secret written ballot on the original **Article III** (for the budget of \$5,157,897) resulted in:

YES 152 NO 133

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE IV: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Education Association, which calls for the following increase in teacher salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2007 – 2008	\$74,767
2008 – 2009	\$85,563
2009 – 2010	\$91,233

and further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,767 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Carl Strong offered an amendment, which he then withdrew, regarding voting on only the first year of the collective bargaining agreement.

The vote by secret written ballot on the original **Article IV** resulted in:

YES 158 **NO 104**

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

ARTICLE V: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increase in teacher salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2007 – 2008	\$34,117
2008 – 2009	\$31,039
2009 – 2010	\$31,692

and further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,117 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 173 **NO 54**

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

ARTICLE VI: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 toward the salary and benefits to hire an Assistant Principal for up to a 50% position for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 95 **NO 125**

The vote was in the negative, the resolution lost and it was so declared.

ARTICLE V11: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate \$20,000 to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 110 NO 60

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE VIII: The following resolution was offered by Dennis Girouard, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District instruct the Plainfield School Board to limit the total combined state and local school tax assessment increases to no more than the annual percentage increases as established by the Cost of Living Adjustment for Social Security.

It was noted that if voted in the affirmative, this vote would not be legally binding.

The vote by voice was in the negative, the motion lost, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE IX: Other Business

Moderator Stephen Taylor thanked Emily Hadley and Trevor Marsh for helping with the microphones during the meeting. In addition, he thanked all of the ballot clerks for their contributions.

Also, an informal vote by voice determined that the majority of the attendees at the meeting prefer School District meetings on Friday evenings. It was asked that the School Board consider this when determining the date and time of next year's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Taylor
Plainfield School District Clerk

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ELECTION MEETING – MARCH 13, 2007**

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden, in said Plainfield. Moderator Stephen H. Taylor declared the meeting open at 10:00 a.m. and read the School District Warrant and certification of posting provided by the School District Clerk. The ballot boxes were determined empty.

The polls closed at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:

For School Board (3 Years):

Audra Bucklin	242
Myra Ferguson	290
Dennis Girouard	137
Randy Collins	16
Jason Huett	16
Boone Rondeau	2
Carl Strong	2

The following individuals all received one (1) write-in vote for the position of School Board Member: John Woodley, Mike Schaefer, Claude Sutherland, Brad Wilder, John O'Donnell, Jim Taylor, Doug Beaupre, Gayle Schafer, Nancy Filiault, Kurt Filiault, Jack McNellis, Lise Davini.

**Elected: Audra Bucklin
Myra Ferguson**

For School District Treasurer (1 Year):

Jeffrey C. Moore	380
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Elected: Jeffrey C. Moore

For School District Moderator (1 Year):

Stephen H. Taylor	387
Gordon Wilder	1
S. Douglas Beaupre	1

Elected: Stephen H. Taylor

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For School District Clerk (1 Year):

Kelly Taylor	22
Dennis Girouard	2
Tom Wolke	2

The following individuals all received one (1) write-in vote for the position of School District Clerk: Gayle Schaefer, Rob Constantine, Daryl Beaupre, Lise Davini, Stephanie Schell, Deb Beaupre, Jen Frederick, Thomas Lappin, Jeane Hines, Jeanne Woodward-Poor, Doug Beaupre, Joyce Lundrigan, Ruth Wheeler, Brian Hebert, Stephen Yeaton, Anne Craggin, Edward Feustel, Molly Sheehan, Chris Dye, Holly Braswell, Randy Collins, Dewey Jones, Steve Halleran, Naomi Goodwin.

Elected: Kelly Taylor*

* Kelly Taylor won the School District Clerk election by write-in, but declined the position. The School Board will need to appoint a School District Clerk who will serve until the 2008 Election.

Myra Ferguson was sworn into office by Stephen Taylor during open meeting.

Stephen Taylor was sworn into office by Ruth Ann Wheeler during open meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Taylor

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