

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 8, 2008**

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Stephen H. Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2008, 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 Bierwirth)

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting and read the statement by Stephanie Trout Berman, clerk of the School District of Plainfield, NH, that hereby certifies that on the 21st day of February, 2008, the posting of the true and attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places within the district. Notarized by Beth Bierworth, Notary Public.

The Moderator then read the Certification of Posting and Certification of the Checklist, noting that 1605 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 accepts the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers as printed in the annual report.

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

Carin Reynolds made 3 announcements: 1) The Treasurer's report missed the printing date so it was handed out at the School District Meeting on every chair. 2) That the School District Meetings will now be held on

alternating Friday nights one year then Saturday mornings the next. We started with today (a Saturday morning meeting) so next year (2009) will be a Friday night meeting. 3) Carin recognized and thanked retiring Superintendent Russell Collins for his hard work at PES for the past 5.5 years.

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

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,501,460 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 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The vote by secret ballot resulted in:

YES 151 NO 77

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 \$30,000 toward the salary and benefits to hire an Assistant Principal for up to 50% position for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

After some discussion vote by secret ballot resulted in:

YES 79 NO 153

The vote was in the negative, the amendment lost, 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,304 for the purchase of a tractor.

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

YES 147 **NO 54**

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 raise and appropriate \$30,000 with such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2008 to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in the 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School Facility.

Questions and discussion ensued.

The vote by secret ballot resulted in:

YES 120 **NO 57**

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 vote to establish a Benefits Payable expendable trust fund for the purpose of retirement and other employee benefits and further, vote to raise and appropriate up to \$20,000 with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2008 to be placed into the fund, and to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund.

The vote by secret ballot resulted in:

YES 118 **NO 59**

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

ARTICLE VII: The following resolution was offered and discussed.

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Plainfield School District on the Second Tuesday of March.” (Petition Warrant Article. Requires 3/5-majority vote on March 11, 2008.)

12 citizens’ spoke in either support or opposition to SB2. (The School Board does not support SB2.)

A vote was taken by secret ballot on March 11, 2008 (town voting day) at the polls.

YES 240

NO 254

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

ARTICLE VIII: Other Business

Resolved: To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

No new business brought to the floor.

Moderator Stephen Taylor noticed Laura Ward who had all the 50/50 raffle tickets. An anonymous voter picked the name Naomi Goodwin who won the 50/50 raffle of \$24.

The meeting adjourned at 13:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Trout Berman
Plainfield School District Clerk

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ELECTION MEETING – MARCH 11, 2008**

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden, in said Plainfield. Moderator Stephen H. Taylor declared the meeting open at 08:05 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 7:05 p.m.

ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:

For School District Moderator (1 Year):

Stephen H. Taylor	472
Paul Franklin	6

Malcolm Grobe, John Drye,
Richard Rogers, Boone
Rondeau Dan Muchinsky,
David Grobe, David Taylor
all had one vote.

Elected: Stephen H. Taylor

For School District Clerk (1 Year):

Stephanie Trout Berman	462
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Fern Wilder, Holly Braswell,
Kelly Taylor all got one vote.

Elected: Stephanie Trout Berman

For School District Treasurer (1 Year):

Jeffrey C. Moore	466
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Eric Brann and Mark Wilder
each had one vote.

Elected: Jeffrey C. Moore

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For School Board (3 Years):

Doug Cogan	304
Dennis Girouard	187

Katy Sheehan, Tom
McNamara, Jason Huett and
Eric Brann all had one vote.

Elected: Doug Cogan

ARTICLE II (SB2):

Balloting results were as follows:

YES votes: 240 (for)

NO votes: 254 (against)

The vote was in the negative and the Article was not adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Trout Berman
Plainfield School District Clerk