

**Annual Meeting of the Harwood Union  
High School District No.19  
2 March 2015**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Deb Hunter, Chair; David Goodman, Vice Chair; Dale Smeltzer; Stephen Sands; Dan Raddock; Garret MacCurtain

**Public Present:** Patricia Read, Laura Caffrey and Michelle Baker

The legal voters of Harwood Union High School District No. 19, consisting of the Town School Districts of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury met in the library of Harwood Union High School at 5:00 PM on 2 March 2015 to act upon the matters contained in the warning of the Annual Meeting dated 2 March 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Harwood Board Chair Deb Hunter, who turned the meeting over to moderator David Jones.

**Article I: To elect the officers of the District: a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, each to serve one year.**

On motions duly made and seconded, David Jones was unanimously elected Moderator, Lara Seaberg was unanimously elected Clerk, Sarah Stavraky was unanimously elected Treasurer, each to serve for one year.

**Article II: To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers.**

A motion to hear and act upon the Reports of the District Officers was duly made and seconded. On a motion duly made and seconded the Reports of the District Officers were unanimously accepted as presented.

**Article III: To set salaries and expenses, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the District.**

On a motion duly made and seconded the following payments were approved: \$500 to each School Board member, a salary of \$300 to the Treasurer with \$300 in expenses, \$100 to the Clerk.

**Article IV: To have presented by the Board of the Union School District their estimate of Expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget. (See Article IX)**

A motion was duly made, seconded and was unanimously approved to have presented by the Board of the Union School District their estimate of Expenses for the ensuing year. The

moderator turned the meeting over to Deb Hunter for a brief presentation on the budget. There were questions from the public on the needs of the school building after the budget presentation.

**Article V: To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by the issuance of short term notes to pay debts and expenses, of the District for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2016, in anticipation of and pending receipt of revenues.**

On a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously passed, the Board of School Directors was authorized to borrow money by the issuance of the short term notes to pay debts and expenses of the District for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2016, in anticipation of and pending receipt of revenues.

**Article VI: To authorize the Board of School Directors to employ a public accountant to audit the financial affairs of the School District and prepare the Annual Financial Report.**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board of School Directors was authorized by unanimous vote to employ a public accountant to audit the financial affairs of the School District and prepare the annual Financial Report.

**Article VII: Shall the District, pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 563 (10), provide notice of the availability of the School District's annual report in lieu of distributing the report; said annual notice of the annual report shall be made by publication in the District's newspapers of record and by posting notice in two public places within each member town school district at least 30 days in advance of the District's annual meeting?**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board of Directors was authorized by unanimous vote to provide notice of the availability of the School District's annual report, in lieu of distributing the report.

**Article VIII: To transact any other business within the scope of the Warning for this meeting.**

Harwood Board Chair Deb Hunter thanked the audience for their attendance and attention to the business of Harwood Union High School.

No other business was transacted.

On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was recessed at 5:41 PM to 3 March 2015 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot at the usual polling places in the member districts, said ballots will be brought to the Harwood Union School cafeteria, following the closing of polls, where they will be comingled and counted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lara Seaberg  
Clerk, Harwood Union High School District No. 19

On Tuesday, 3 March 2015, Town Meeting was held in each of the six District towns, where Article IX was voted on by Australian ballot. The ballots were brought to the Harwood Union High School and comingled. The number of ballots cast in each town was:

Duxbury	273
Fayston	117
Moretown	301
Waitsfield	500
Warren	247
Waterbury	803

The results of the vote are as follow:

**Article IX:**

Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School District appropriate \$14,254,834 necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning 1 July 2015? (Australian ballot)

Yes	1196
No	1030
Blank	0
Spoiled	16