

**Town of Newfields**  
**First Session of the 2017 Newfields Elementary School**  
**Deliberative Session February 7, 2017**

**School Board Members:** Chairman James McIlroy, Kirsten Lord and Dan Conner

**NES Principal:** Kate Segal

**Assistant Superintendent:** Bill Furbush

**School District Attorney:** Peter Bronstein

**Moderator:** John Hayden

**Town Clerk:** Sue McKinnon

Moderator John Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and lead us in the pledge of allegiance. He introduced the head table and briefly explained the purpose of the meeting was to review, deliberate and discuss the school warrant articles and budget to be voted on March 14, 2017.

Article 1. Shall the Newfields School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,571,524? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,545,539, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Newfields School Board or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The Newfields School Board recommends. The Newfields Budget Advisory Committee recommends.

Chairman McIlroy explained that each line item was reviewed in detail at the budget hearing on January 11, 2017. The overall increase in the budget is 5%. 80 percent of the increase is in the default budget due to expenses being contractual obligations.

There were no questions. Article 1 shall be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 2. Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the School Building Maintenance Fund established at the 1992 School District meeting for the purpose of repairing and maintaining school buildings? The Newfields School Board recommends this appropriation. The Newfields Budget Advisory Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)

Chairman McIlroy stated that this fund is used for maintenance and repairs of the building. Most recently, the heater in the multi-purpose room was replaced. Upcoming repairs include replacing the floor in the multi-purpose room and vestibule.

There was no discussion. Article 2 shall be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 3. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000.00 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Newfields School Board recommends this appropriation. The Newfields Budget Advisory Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)

Chairman McIlroy explained that this is the third year we have set money aside for unexpected special education expenses. No money is raised through taxation. The funds are leftover from last year's operating budget. The money would be used for special education needs which may come up unexpectedly midstream in the year. The Board does their best to budget for the upcoming year (2017-2018) but student circumstances can change.

Mike Woodworth asked if any money had been spent from the fund. Chairman McIlroy replied that no money has been used to date.

There was no further discussion. Article 3 shall be place on the ballot as written.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McKinnon,