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MEETING OF THE  
MONTPELIER ROXBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 17, 2018  
MINUTES

Minutes Approved:

Present

Board: Bridget Asay, Becky Bowen, Michele Braun, Lisa Frost, Tina Muncy, Jim Murphy, Peter Sterling, Ryan Zajac  
Administration: Superintendent Brian Ricca, Principal Ben Brownell, Facilities Director Thom Wood, Business Manager Grant Geisler  
Student: Omeed Fallahi  
Public: Elmira Behzadikia, Michelle Lesnak, Nathan Suter, and others  
Absent: Steve Hingtgen

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Chair Murphy echoed Montpelier Board Chair Michele Braun's earlier statements regarding the previous day's tragic event at Montpelier High School. He expressed deep gratitude to the people who worked hard to ensure the safety of others.
2. **Public Comments** None.
3. **Discuss and Approve FY19 Budget** Business Manager Geisler presented an abbreviated version of the FY19 budget highlighting changes from last week's version. The FY19 general fund budget totals \$23,452,706 and includes capital plan funds and bond interest.  

Mrs. Braun moved, seconded by Mr. Zajac, to approve the FY19 budget as presented. Ms. Muncy questioned whether the motion included the bond. There was explanation that the budget included money for bond interest, but not the bond. Discussion in regard to approving the budget and the bond separately ensued. Following discussion, Ms. Bowen moved, seconded by Ms. Asay, to table Mrs. Braun's motion regarding approval of the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bowen moved, seconded by Ms. Asay, to approve the \$4,900,000 bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Murphy reinstated Mrs. Braun motion to approve the FY19 budget and asked for further discussion. Absent further discussion, the motion passed 7-1, Ms. Muncy voting against.
4. **Review and Approve Articles for City Vote** Proposed articles were distributed (copy attached). Mrs. Braun moved, seconded by Ms. Asay, to correct one typographical error in the articles. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Braun moved, seconded by Ms. Bowen, to approve the articles to be warned for Town Meeting Days. Motion carried unanimously. Board members thanked Business Manager Geisler for an excellent budget process and presentations.
5. **Discuss Transportation Committee Members** Mr. Murphy proposed adding four community members to serve on the transportation committee. Those community members include Anne Watson, Ken Jones, Jim Hutton and Cara Robeck. Mr. Murphy advised that Chris from Green Mountain Transit has also agreed to attend meetings, but in an advisory capacity and not as an actual member. Mrs. Braun moved, seconded by Ms. Muncy, to approve the four aforementioned transportation committee members. Motion carried unanimously.

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6. **Adjournment** On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Heather Michaud  
Recorder

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### Articles to be Warned for Tuesday, March 6, 2018

- ARTICLE A** Shall the voters of the school district adopt a budget of \$23,452,706 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,923.77 per equalized pupil. As this is the first year of operations for the new school district, the projected spending per equalized pupil cannot be compared to a prior year, as it does not exist. (Requested by the School Board)
- ARTICLE B** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to incur bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$4,900,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of certain renovations and capital improvements to: Montpelier High School Wellness and Arts Wing including renovations to the auditorium, wellness center, locker rooms and lobby restrooms, construction of two classrooms, roof replacement, and upgraded heating and ventilation; and Union Elementary School including construction of an elevator with accessible vestibule, electrical systems upgrades, bathroom renovations, and playground renovation together with related site work and project costs. The estimated total cost of these projects is \$4,900,000. Article A includes the amount for payment of the debt service on this bonded debt for the ensuing fiscal year. **Notice required by 24 V.S.A 1758(b)(3) – State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of State school construction aid.** (Requested by the School Board)
- ARTICLE C** Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Commissioners to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve (assigned) fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Commissioners for the purpose of operating the school? (Requested by the School Board)
- ARTICLE D** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$9,700 (Chair \$1,500; Vice Chair \$1,200; others \$1,000 each) as compensation to the School Commissioners for their services for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019? (Requested by the School Board)

Approved by the Board of School Commissioners on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2018.

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Jim Murphy, Board Chairperson