

Meeting called to order at 8:30 p.m. Recording folder A08/08

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**Annual Meeting of the Lincoln School District
March 4, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
Burnham Hall, 52 East River Rd., Lincoln, VT**

The legal voters of the Lincoln School District, Lincoln, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. to discuss and transact the following business. *Article 11* requires a vote by *Australian ballot* and will take place on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road.

Article 1: To elect a clerk who shall assume the office immediately and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Motion: *Erin Warnock*, **Second:** *Sarah McClain*, **Discussion:** *Jeanne Albert nominated Sally Ober. Lea Calderon-Guthe seconded. Passed by voice vote.*

Article 2: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office immediately and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Motion: *Bay Jackson*, **Second:** *Judi Danforth*, **Discussion:** *No nominations were made. Question: what happens to Van Talmage, our current Town and School Treasurer? Answer: by default, he will be the School Treasurer. No vote taken.*

Article 3: Shall the legal voters of the Lincoln School District accept the report of the School District Board of Directors?

Motion: *Ilana Brett*, **Second:** *Alison Parker*, **Discussion:** *none. Passed by voice vote.*

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Lincoln School District approve a stipend of \$50 for the Moderator?

Motion: *Alison Parker*, **Second:** *Ken Stockman*, **Discussion:** *none. Passed by voice vote.*

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Lincoln School District approve a stipend of \$500 for the School District Clerk?

Motion: *Patty Schoenhuber*, **Second:** *Christie Sumner*, **Discussion:** *Question, what does the School District Clerk do? Sally Ober explained that the clerk takes*

*minutes at the annual or special district meetings, warns the meetings, and archives the official minutes and records in the vault. **Passed by voice vote.***

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Lincoln School District approve a stipend of \$500 for the School District Treasurer?

Motion: *Bern Terry, Second: Kathleen Kolb, Discussion: none. **Passed by voice vote.***

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Lincoln School District approve a stipend of \$750 for the Board Chair?

Motion: *Judi Danforth, Second: Peg Sutlive, Discussion: None. **Passed by voice vote.***

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Lincoln School District approve a stipend of \$500 for each board member?

Motion: *Sarah McClain, Second: Jan Buker, Discussion: none. **Passed by voice vote.***

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Lincoln School District authorize the District Board of Directors to borrow money by the issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the fiscal year 2024-2025, per 16 V.S.A. §562(9)?

Motion: *Christie Sumner, Second: Roger Rood, Discussion: Question: is this in anticipation of taxes? Ans: Yes, we spend some money before we collect it.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 10: Shall the legal voters of the Lincoln School District authorize the School Board of Directors to expend \$4,927,939.57, which is the amount the School Board of Directors has determined to be necessary for the 2024-2025 school year?

Motion: *Roger Rood, Second: Fred Danforth, Discussion: School Board presented a slide show about board priorities, budget, and tax rates. [Lots of discussion and questions which will be inserted in the next draft of the minutes.]*

*Will Sipsey made a motion to call the question. **Passed by voice vote.** Roger Rood asked for a paper ballot, not enough people seconded.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 11: To elect Lincoln School District Officers and Directors as follows, for the indicated term, *by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024:*

- 1 – School Meeting Moderator (1 year)
- 1 – School Director (3 years)
- 1 – School Director (2 years)
- 1 – School Director (*1 year remaining of a 3-year term*)

No action needed for Article 11. None taken.

Article 12: To transact any other legal business coming before said meeting.

Motion: *Matt Atkins, Second: Bill Perta, Discussion: Sally Ober informed everyone that we won't be voting on the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District budget this year.*

*Matt Atkins made a ***motion to suspend the rules*** to allow for a vote to vote on the Lincoln School District annual budget by Australian ballot next year. ***Discussion:*** *This was not warned and it doesn't feel like it should be allowed. If we do this, next year's budget vote might need to be decided in court, which could be costly. Matt ***withdrew his motion*** to suspend the rules.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sally Ober, Lincoln School District Clerk