

**FREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2018 DELIBERATIVE SESSION  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018  
ELLIS SCHOOL, 9AM**

School District Clerk, Lisa Marggraf, called the 2018 School District Deliberative Session to order at 9:02 am. Mrs. Marggraf advised that the first item of business would be to choose a Moderator due to that position being currently vacant. Mrs. Marggraf opened the floor for nominations for the position of Moderator. Angela O'Connell made a motion to nominate Peter Marggraf as Moderator, Greg Fraize seconded that motion. There being no other nominations Lisa Marggraf, School District Clerk, called for a vote on the motion. On a show of cards, the vote on the motion was recorded as a vote in the affirmative and was declared as such. Lisa Marggraf turned the meeting over to the Town Moderator, Michael Rydeen. Mr. Rydeen asked that the winner, Peter Marggraf, to step forward so that he could take the oath of office. At this time, Peter Marggraf took the oath of office, and was officially sworn in as the Fremont School District Moderator by Mr. Rydeen.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, welcomed the public to the 2018 Deliberative Session. He asked student, Peter Thompson, to lead the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, introduced Greg Fraize, chair of the Fremont School Board, followed by the other School Board Members introducing themselves; Jennifer Brown, Brittany Thompson, Sue Levine and Angela O'Connell. Moderator, Peter Marggraf, then introduced Mary Anderson chair of the Budget Committee, followed by the other Budget Committee members introducing themselves; Joe Miccile, Mary Jo Holmes, Patricia Martel, Josh Yokela, Kathy Miccile and Selectmen Representative Neal Janvrin. Moderator Marggraf introduced Mathew Upton the School District Attorney, followed by introducing Allyn Hutton School Superintendent, and Susan Penny School District Financial Administrator.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, explained the general rules of order and that Robert's Rules of Order would be used only as a guide. He further explained that the rules are established in order to provide fairness to all individuals. He continued to explain the general rules of the Robert Rules of Order and that; only Fremont voters would be allowed to vote and raised colored cards would be used count votes. He explained that after an article is read, it would be followed by up to ten minutes of Board presentations followed time for voters to discuss the article. He asked that anyone wishing to discuss an article that they come forward to the microphone, state their name and address followed by their question/statement. He asked that speakers remain at the microphone while the response is being delivered. Each subsequent speaker must add to the discussion and not repeat what has been said. There will be a limit of three minutes per person speaking at the microphone. Finally, Peter Marggraf asked that all phones to be turned to vibrate.

At this time, Moderator Marggraf, provided time for School Board Chair, Greg Fraize, to speak to goals and accomplishments that the school district has achieved. Greg Fraize stated that this was the last year that Jennifer Brown would be a member of the School Board and he thanked her for her time and effort.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, stated that there were eight School Warrant Articles and one Petition Article. The first three articles are not amendable.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, read Article 01: To choose the following School District Officers:

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| a. Two (2) School Board Members | 3 Year Term | Greg Fraize and one position |
| b. One (1) Moderator            | 1 Year Term | Peter Marggraf               |
| c. One (1) Clerk                | 1 Year Term | Lisa Marggraf                |
| d. One (1) Treasurer            | 1 Year Term | Elizabeth J. Stanley         |

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, opened the floor for discussions, there being no discussions, he then stated that Article 01 would go on the ballot as written.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, read **Article 02: Collective Bargaining Agreements**

Shall the Fremont School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Fremont School Board and the Ellis School Support Staff which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal year	Estimated Increase
2018-2019	\$27,708
2019-2020	\$27,940
2020-2021	\$23,731

And further to raise and appropriate \$27,708 for the 2018 TO 2019 fiscal year, such sum represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Recommendations:

Fremont School Board 5-0-0

Fremont Budget Committee 5-2-0 (1 absent)

Article 02 was moved by School Board Member, Jen Brown and seconded by School Board Chair, Greg Fraize.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, opened the floor for presentations. Sue Levine, School Board Member, spoke to the support staff contract stating that support staff would become certified with a paraeducator two certificate by the state. To achieve this certification, support staff members learn new skills bring back that learning into the classroom therefore it would directly affect our students. Support staff would get a raise of: 50 cents year 1, 25 cents year 2 and 25 cents year 3 for achieving paraeducator two. Sue Levine stated that this contract would also align the length of day to the same amount of time students are in the building, the contract would align the support staff insurance plans to the teacher contract, which is a cost saving. This contract would add an attendance bonus for support staff with perfect attendance. The contract also would allow support staff to attend professional development by granting them one day to attend a workshop. Additionally a holiday was added to the contract.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, referred to Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Holmes, who questioned how many people the contract covered. Sue Levine responded: paraeducators, secretaries and custodial staff totally about 23 people.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, opened the floor to discuss Article 02 there being no discussions he then stated that article 02 would go on the ballot as written.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, read **Article 03, Special Meeting**

Shall the Fremont School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only?

Recommendations:

Fremont School Board 5-0-0

Fremont Budget committee Not Recommended 1-6-0 (1 absent)

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, clarified that if Article 3 was defeated on March 13th an additional meeting could be held to address the Article. Article 03 was moved by School Board Member, Angela O'Connell and seconded by School Board Member, Greg Fraize.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, opened up the floor for discussion on Article 03.

Resident, Cheryl Rowell 38 Sandown Road, stated that the district had trouble getting paras, these people work so hard for little money and she eagerly supports them and encouraged the voters to support their contract.

Budget Committee Member, Josh Yokela stated that 23 persons with 27 thousand dollars added into the contract for fiscal year 2018-2019, calculated to one thousand dollars per person. School Board Member, Sue Levine, stated the value is more than the cost. The cost includes pay increase and what gets layered on top of that.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, asked if there were any further discussions. He then stated that Article 03 would go on the ballot as written.

**Moderator, Peter Marggraf, read Article 04: Operating Budget**

Shall the Fremont School District vote to raise and appropriate as operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth, herein, totaling \$12,405,605? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,762,313 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Fremont school District or by law; of 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. Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles.

**Recommendations:**

Fremont School Board 5 - 0

Fremont Budget Committee 5-2-0 (1 absent)

Budget Committee Chair, Mary Anderson, motioned Article 04 and Patricia Martel seconded the motion. Moderator, Peter Marggraf, then opened Article 04 for discussion. Budget Committee Chair, Mary Anderson, spoke to the handouts which included a budget summary comparing fiscal years. She stated that the Budget Committee worked with the School Board to reduce the budget in light of the fact of the surplus of money in the past budget. School Board Member, Jen Brown, discussed the length of the long process it took to form a budget prior to bringing the budget before the voters. She thanked the business office and budget committee for help in establishing a budget done with estimates for a future year. She stated that this is the second year in a row that the School Board is asking for less money and one big reason would be the trust funds. Sanborn does not know the cost per student which will be charged to Fremont until their voters have voted in March, therefore Fremont does not have a solid number. The trust fund will allow for an unforeseen increase in tuition, and for students that might move into the Fremont School District. The operating budget covers the cost for current students only. She continued to state that no planned maintenance on the building was taking place this year and planning for long term maintenance on an older building is vital therefore, it is important to contribute to the trust fund. Additionally, the School Board has slowed down the technology long term plan, reduced legal fees, hired teachers at lower steps on the contract, and reduced the general budget within the school. The school board is asking for less money for the second year in a row.

Moderator Marggraf spoke to the amount of time the Budget Committee and School Board sacrificed to come with that operating budget. Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Homes questioned whether the grant funding line was approved or awarded. School Board Chair, Greg Fraize stated that the grant has been approved; the money is not in the bank yet. School Board Member Jen Brown stated that they had until fiscal year 2019 to spend the funds from that grant.

School Board Member, Angela O'Connell motioned to restrict Articles 2, 3, and 4 from reconsideration, this was seconded by School Board Chair, Greg Fraize. Moderator, Peter Marggraf, stated that there had been a motion to restrict Articles 2, 3 & 4 from reconsideration. He then opened the floor for discussion there being no discussion he asked voters to use their voting cards for this vote. He as for "All in favor of restricting Articles 2,3 & 4 to please read your voter cards, All of those who oppose" Moderator Peter Marggraf, declared that Articles, 2,3 & 4 were now restricted for reconsideration.

**Moderator, Peter Marggraf, read Article 05: Appropriate to Expandable Trust Fund Form Balance**

Shall the Fremont School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the previously established expendable trust fund, known as the Ellis School Building and Grounds Maintenance Fund. This sum to come from June 30, 2018 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2018. No amount to be raised from taxation.

**Recommendations:**

Fremont School Board 5-0

Fremont Budget Committee 5-2-0 (1 absent)

Article 05 was motioned by School Board Member, Brittany Thompson and seconded by School Board Member, Jen Brown. School Board Member, Angela O'Connell spoke to the trust fund. Reported that various situations can come up: unexpected removal of snow on the roof, replacing the well pump, replacing the roof on the modulars and replacing an electrical sub panel. All of which were unexpected, this trust fund has a balance of 59 thousand, is referred to as the "what if fund" and is much needed to maintain a very old building. This trust is there to support the issues that can't be seen coming. Moderator, Peter Marggraf, opened the floor up to discussion Article 05.

Resident, Keith Stanton, stated that a public hearing he asked for certain untrue language to be removed, yet the language has been included on Articles 5,6, and 8. The language which states that no amount be raised by tax papers, is not true, where is the money coming from, taxes, he asked at the public hearing that the language be removed or changed it is still here. He felt the language is deceptive, stating: "you are trying to fool the general public." School Board Member, Jen Brown, thanked Mr. Stanton for his input. Attorney Upton spoke to the language stating that we are not raising additional money and this is standard language used throughout the state.

Resident, Keith Stanton asked the board to change the language, and stated that he will not make a motion. School Board Member asked if adding the word additional tax would be more accurate. Attorney Upton, stated that the articles could be amended now. School Board Member, Angela O'Connell spoke to the comment of the School Board being dishonest, she made it very clear in no way was the School Board trying to be deceptive, or dishonest to the public. Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Holmes stated that she thought the wording on the slide showing and the warrant article was different. The information on the slide is just information used for this deliberative session and will not appear on the ballot.

Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Holmes, made a motion to amend Article 05 to read that no additional money will be raised by taxation, Budget Committee Chair, Mary Anderson, seconded the motion. Attorney Upton, thought the language would be appropriate to read as no additional money to be raised from taxation. Budget Committee Member, Josh Yokela motioned to amended Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Holmes' motion. School Board Chair, Greg Fraize, asked for the language to be looked at from a legal standpoint and would changing the language add risk. Budget Committee Member, Josh Yokela removed his motion to amend, Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Holmes' amendment. Moderator, Peter Marggraf, asked counsel to clarify the language that would be added to Article 05. Attorney Upton stated that adding the word additional would be appropriate.

Resident Roger Barham, 47 Deer Run, stated that it is important to be upfront and honest with the voters. Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Holmes, responded that it is important for the voters to know that no additional tax money will be raised.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, asked for further discussion, there being no further discussion he asked voters to use their colored cards to vote. He asked for "All in favor of amending Article 05 to please raise your voter cards, All of those who oppose" Moderator Peter Marggraf, declared that Article 05 would be amended by adding the word additional.

Moderator Peter Marggraf read **Article 06:** Appropriate from Fund Balance for Tuition TF

Shall the Fremont School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$100,00 to be added to the previously established expendable trust fund, known as the Tuition Trust Fund. This sum to come from June 30, 2018 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2018. No amount to be raised from taxation

Recommendations:

Fremont School Board 5-0

Fremont Budget Committee 6-1-0 (1 absent)

School Board Chair, Greg Fraize made a motion and was seconded by School Board Member Brittany Thompson. School Board Member Brittany Thompson spoke to Article 06 stating that the intention of the fund is for the money to go to tuition for students who might move into the district. The fund will be capped with \$300,000. School Board Member, Brittany Thompson motioned to amend Article 06, adding the word additional, so the article would read; no additional money to be raised from taxation. The motion was seconded, by the school board.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, opened Article 06 for discussion, there being no discussion he asked voters to take out their colored cards. He asked for "All in favor of Articles 06 to please raise your voter cards, All of those who oppose" Moderator Peter Marggraf, declared that amended Articles 06 would appear on the ballot.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, read **Article 07**: Establish a Special Education Appropriate Fund  
Shall the Fremont School District vote to establish a Special Education Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of providing funds for special education costs, and to raise an appropriate up to the sum on One Hundred Thousand dollars to be placed in the fund, the sum is to come from the June 30, 2018 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2018; further to name the school board as agent to expend from the fund.

Recommendations:

Fremont School Board 5-0

Fremont Budget Committee 6-1-0 (1 absent)

School Board Chair, Greg Fraize made a motion and School Board Member, Angela O'Connell seconded. School Board Member, Brittany Thompson discussed Article 07. She stated that the School Board felt it is important to fund for unanticipated costs related to special education. She made a motion to amend the Article by adding the word "additional", School Board Member, Greg Fraize.

Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Holmes, stated that the information on the current slide was not the information presented to the Budget Committee. Attorney Upton, stated that official ballot does not have the language that the present slide has. Moderator, Peter Marggraf, opened Article 07 for discussion.

Resident, Keith Stanton wanted the language on this slide clarified. Attorney Upton, stated that it is required by the state to put the language "to raise and appropriate" on a warrant article.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, asked for further discussion and there being none, he asked voters to take out their colored cards. He asked for "All in favor of the amended Article 07 to please raise your voter cards, All of those who oppose" Moderator Peter Marggraf, declared that amended Articles 07 would appear on the ballot as amended.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf read **Article 08**: Establish a technology Trust Fund Appropriate Fund  
Shall the Fremont School District vote to establish a Technology Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of providing fund for the maintenance and improvement of technology infrastructure and equipment, and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars to be placed in the fund, said sum is to come from the June 30, 2018 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2-18, with no amount to be ready by taxation; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommendations:

Fremont School Board 5-0

Fremont Budget Committee 2-5-0 (1 absent)

School Board Member, Angela O'Connell, made a motion and was seconded by School Board Chair, Greg Fraize. He then discussed Article 08 stating this is a new fund and would be used to help keep between 500 to 600 technology devices operating and about 20% of the devices no longer are under manufacturer warranty. This fund would allow devices to be fixed and for unforeseen technology issues throughout the building to be fixed. He made a motion to add the word "additional" to the language on the Article 08 and was seconded by School Board Member, Brittany Thompson second. Budget Committee Member, Mary Jo Holmes stated that she did not vote for this fund because she felt that technology should be part of the operating budget.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, opened Article 08 for discussion, there being no discussion he asked voters to take out their colored cards. He asked for "All in favor of the amended Article 08 to please raise your voter cards, All of those who oppose" Moderator Peter Marggraf, declared that amended Articles 08 would appear on the ballot as amended.

School Board Member, Angela O'Connell, motioned to restrict Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, be restricted from reconsideration, seconded by School Board Chair, Greg Fraize. Moderator, Peter Marggraf, stated that there had been a motion to

restrict Articles 5,6,7,8 from reconsideration. He then opened the floor for discussion, there being no discussion he asked voters to use their voting cards. He as for "All in favor of restricting Articles 5, 6, 7,8 to please raise your voter cards, All of those who oppose" Moderator Peter Marggraf, declared that Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 were now restricted for reconsideration.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, **read Article 09:** Received by Petition: Lawsuits published Received by Petition, "Shall the voters of Fremont School District, of Fremont, New Hampshire, voters to require a "list" of any and all current, ongoing or settled - Lawsuits, Litigations, Legal action, Legal Proceedings, Legal Cases Legal Claims, Legal actions, or "Out of Court Settlements" that have been filed against and/or by the Fremont School District, during any part of the School Budget Year, be published in every "Annual Report", of the Fremont School District, and the "list" shall conform with all New Hampshire "Right to Know Laws" and "Reddie of Information Act" request laws."

Resident, Keith Stanton, made a motion and was seconded by Roger Barham. Resident Keith Stanton discussed the purpose of the article. He stated that he was asked prior to the meeting being started if this was an advisory petition. He went on to state that he is familiar with that. This is not an advisory article, the article is asking that the district be required to make the information available to the public. He stated that all he was looking for is a simple sentence that includes the court docket number of the lawsuit so it can be found at Rockingham County. He continued to state that the legislative body cannot make an educated vote if they do not have this information. Attorney, Upton, responded by stating that the NH Legislature has given the power over to the School Board and Selectmen. If the public wants to encourage the list be made that is fine, yet the School Board is not bound to report that information. Furthermore, the terms in the article are undefined and by law many legal issues can't be disclosed. Resident, Keith Stanton, asked what terms needed to be defined. Attorney Upton, stated that legal action, and/or legal proceedings would include but not limited to a grievance with a local union member, which would be a legal proceeding therefore the article would have to define the terms. Resident, Keith Stanton, stated he is not looking for anything other than if the town is involved in lawsuits.

Moderator, Peter Marggraf, asked if there were further discussion, there being none, he stated that Article 09 would appear on the ballot as written. He thanked the voters for their thoughtfulness. School Board Chair, Greg Fraize motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by School Board Member, Jen Brown.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. M.', is written below the text 'Respectfully Submitted'.