

Unapproved

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
2016 ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2016**

At 10:00am the Moderator declared the meeting open and noted that the polls for voting and Article I for the Town and Town School District Meeting opened at 7:00am until 7:00pm. In attendance; School Board Members Phil Taylor, Dennis Richter, Janna Ewart, Adam Grinold, Kathy Larsen; Business Manager Karen Atwood; Superintendent Christopher Pratt; Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk; members of the Wilmington Board of Civil Authority; Election Officials; Poll Workers and about 100 voters, and some visitors.

Cub Scout Pack #461 posted the colors and led pledge of allegiance. The Moderator made a few announcements and went over the requirements for participating and voting at Town Meeting and asked those who are not registered voters to identify themselves. The Moderator asked if there was any objection to allow non-voting members of the school's administration to speak without having to suspend the rules each time. Hearing no objection the Moderator then read the following Town Meeting Warning:

ARTICLE I: To elect all Wilmington Town School District officers required by law and the Town. (Australian Ballot Polls open at 7:00am until 7:00pm.)

ARTICLE II: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$10,192,681, 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 \$17,092 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.3% lower than spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot Polls open at 7:00am until 7pm.)

ARTICLE III: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLE II:

DISCUSSION TOPICS (including but not limited to): Quick overview of budget; first two years never saw full effects of savings expected to come from consolidation due to start up costs and new construction; the proposed Twin Valley School District budget of \$10,192,681 represents a reduction in spending of approximately \$200,000 over the current budget, and nearly \$700,000 lower than the two towns' combined pre-consolidation budget; Approximately \$520,000 is bond payments; What happens to the money that comes back from the state for the construction; What's happening to the former High School in Wilmington; feeling is to have a community center exist with little or no impact on the tax payer; Have we been relieved of having to pay back any construction costs on the former High School if the building were turned over to another entity; Perhaps the school district would have to pay back about \$70K; School board worked with the legislature to try and change the pay back law – didn't happen last year – hope it will still happen in this session.

SPEAKERS: Phil Taylor; Meg Streeter; Karen Atwood; Barker Willard III; Merrill Mundell; Fred Skwirut

ARTICLE III:

DISCUSSION TOPICS (including but not limited to): Overview of Act 46; keep an eye on the website as the Board starts campaigning on this issue; Recognize Dennis Richter for his 10 years of service also recognized last week by the State Board; Request to think about PR for the school system – get the word out for good things happening – student and teacher achievements; Need to attract more people to our community

SPEAKERS: Superintendent Chris Pratt; Kathy Larsen; Dennis Richter; Meg Streeter; Phil Taylor; Adam Grinold

MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING RECESSED TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS AT 7PM:

10:45am RECESSED

Representative Ann Manwaring addressed the body and took questions during the recess.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Doug Wheeler, seconded by Bruce Cole.

VOICE VOTE – ayes had it unanimously – **MOTION CARRIED – SO VOTED.**

ADJOURNED 11:15am

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND OFFICIAL RECORD OF ALL ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HELD, MARCH1, 2016.

Prepared on: March 4, 2016



ATTEST: _____
Susan Joy Haughwout, Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: 3/4/2016

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE INDICATION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HELD, MARCH 1, 2016.

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