

**Londonderry School District
Minutes of the Deliberative Session
February 6, 2015**

A concurrent meeting of the School Administrative Unit No. 12 School Board and the Londonderry School District School Board was held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Londonderry High School for the purpose of holding the first session of the annual town meeting which is the Deliberative Session. In attendance were School Board members John Laferriere, Leitha Reilly, Nancy Hendricks, Dan Lekas and Steve Young. Also in attendance were Superintendent Nate Greenberg, and Business Administrator Peter Curro, Budget Committee members: Ted Combes, Bill Mee, Mark Aronson, Gary Vermillion, Greg Warner and Tim Siekmann, Gordon Graham, School Attorney, Bob Saur, Town Moderator and School Board Secretary, Lisa Muse.

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)

Mr. Saur called the meeting to order 7:00pm. The flag was presented by the Londonderry High School Color Guard and the National Anthem was performed by the High School Ensemble. Mrs. Reilly led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Saur went over the purpose and set the rules of meeting.

Mr. Saur read the Article

Article 2 General Fund - Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, or separate warrant articles, one of the following amounts for the purposes set forth in the budget posted with the warrant? **Vote for only one:**

- A. \$67,524,153 (School Board Budget as amended)

(Estimated Tax Impact \$12.59)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

OR

- B. \$67,906,417 (Default Budget)

(Estimated Tax Impact \$12.69)

NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.

Mrs. Reilly made the motion to move the budget to the ballot. Mrs. Hendricks seconded the motion. Mr. Greenberg presented the article and explained how the budget is personnel driven. He presented the budget by using a Power Point presentation. He discussed the efficiencies of the district noting cost avoidance and additional revenue. He explained that because of decline in enrollment we developed in house special education programs because we had the space. Mr. Greenberg went over all the cost savings we have had since 2006. He explained how we have gained tuition students which will result in tuition revenue next year. We look to budget our plan not plan our budget. He mentioned that our goal is to make sure students are career and college ready while maintaining low class size. Mr. Greenberg mentioned that enrollment is projected to be 4253 next year which is a 139 decrease. Since 2006, we have seen a reduction

in 1342 students. Because of this reduction, we have reduced 165.3 full time positions 21% reduction in staff. We have matched decline in students with decline in staff – maintain class sizes and the dropout rate and graduation rate is fantastic. He recommended that 8 teachers be reduced. 49.5 hours of instructional assistant time at elementary levels. Mr. Greenberg went over what the class sizes would be at the elementary level staying at 19 and 20 which is basically the same as this year. He explained how we initiated social media this year which has been a great success. We use Twitter, You Tube, and web page. In regard to Special Ed: we want to add Friends teacher at elementary level which is the autistic program. He is requesting a Special Ed Facilitator to work throughout the district; 39 children in this program, 17 at Matthew Thornton and 22 at South School. He explained how the district offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities at all levels. He stated that technology is the key to the future: This is the second year of Bring Your Own Device to school, Flip Learning, PE assessments and great emphasis on STEM. What does the taxpayer getting back? 99% graduation, extremely low dropout, adult ed and alternative ed programs are thriving, college articulation agreements, elementary schools are blue ribbon award and Moose Hill is a gold circle winner, Destination Imagination has won awards, Matthew Thornton received the Circle of Excellence this year, Marching band and color guard are world renowned, High School athletics has provided a variety of champions; Gatorade athletes; recognition of faculty and staff. District earned energy star award for energy conservation. Tuition revenue generated over \$1 million.

Mr. Combes stated the Budget Committee supported the school board budget by a 7-0-0 vote.

Discussion: Al Baldasaro, 41 Hall Road; Asked about if the loss in adequacy funding was because of number of students dropping. Mr. Greenberg explained that the State has walked away from their responsibility for retirement funding and it's based on a formula driven by enrollment. Mr. Young asked Mr. Greenberg if he can outline the change in the number of students. Mr. Greenberg explained the number is based on enrollment based on previous year and now its current enrollment. If enrollment is less as you go through the year they give you less money through the year. Donna Traynham, 11 Faucher Road, made a motion to amend the operating budget by raising it by \$240,000 to \$67,764,153 for the purpose of funding instructional assistants for a total of 3 hours a day at the elementary schools. She stated that this would cost \$.07 per \$1000 or \$11 per year on a \$280,000 home. Deb Johnson, 30 Royal Lane, seconded the motion. David Ellis, 1 Wilshire Drive, asked about the instructional assistants to Mr. Greenberg and he asked if class sizes are increasing. Mr. Greenberg said there is no increase in class sizes and in some cases they are lower. Mr. Ellis asked Mr. Greenberg if he felt that the reduction in assistants is necessary. Mr. Greenberg explained that it is important to look at some historical information to make this decision. The student to teacher ratio is remaining the same. Assistants were used due to larger size when they first started. We maintain to retain certified staff and provide instruction with maximum opportunities. Al Baldasaro would like to support the amendment, but are the assistants needed so we know if there is a deficiency. Mr. Greenberg does not feel so. Deb Villars, 20 High Range Road, 14 year assistant, does not feel they should be based on class size alone. She said you are expecting kids to work alone at 1st and 2nd grade level. Every child does not get it at the same level. Assistants don't cost much – low cost – no benefits – no retirement. She reminds everybody that the instructional assistants are such a small portion of the budget. Mr. Young made the motion to move the question. Mrs. Traynham seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed by a raised ballot vote. Mr. Saur moved the article to the ballot.

Mary Wing Soares, 2 Gail Road, motioned to restrict reconsideration, Mr. Vermillion seconded the motion. Motion passed by a raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur mentioned there are 164 voters in attendance.

Mr. Young asked Attorney Graham about the wording on the ballot and if it should be changed to reflect the amendment. Attorney Graham mentioned it is appropriate for the School Board and the Budget Committee if they would like to make a change in their vote as amended by the voters at the meeting. Mr. Young asked how does the School Board give its opinion to the new amount? Attorney Graham mentioned that the School Board can spend the money how they want but they can't amend the amount? Mr. Young asked if there is a time limit when they should vote and Attorney Graham mentioned it should be as soon as possible because you need to prepare the absentee ballots. Point of order from Deb Villars who asked what the School Board can change. Mr. Saur mentioned there can be no more amendments on this article; only the School Board's position can be changed. He suggested the Board wait until after the meeting to vote since they might have other items to discuss.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 3 Londonderry Education Association [LEA] Bargaining Agreement:

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Education Association (LEA), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,163,989 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	
FY 2015-2016	\$1,163,989	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.32)
FY 2016-2017	\$1,203,452	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.34)
		<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Abstained</u>
	Voted by the School Board:	5 0 0
	Voted by the Budget Committee:	5 1 1

Mr. Laferriere made the motion to move the article to the ballot; Mrs. Hendricks seconded the motion.

Mr. Laferriere presented the highlights of the contract.

Mr. Combes mentioned the Budget Committee voted 5-1-1

Discussion: Al Baldasaro, 41 Hall Road, asked who voted no. Mr. Combes mentioned Mr. Coons was unable to be at the meeting to vote.

Mike Speltz, 18 Sugar Plum Lane; asked if the contract is online because he could not find it. Mr. Curro said the new contract that hasn't been approved yet can't go on the web. Mr. Curro mentioned the old one is there and the changes are noted on the website. Mr. Curro will try to make it clearer to read. Mr. Reilly asked if it can go on the main page and Mr. Curro said yes. No further discussion. Mr. Saur moved Article 3 to the ballot. Mrs. Winslow made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Mrs. Mee seconded the motion. Motion passed by a show of ballots.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 4 Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals [LAAHP] Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,321 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at

current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	
FY 2015-2016	\$85,321	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)
FY 2016-2017	\$87,017	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)
		<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Abstained</u>
	Voted by the School Board:	5 0 0
	Voted by the Budget Committee:	7 0 0

Mr. Laferriere made the motion to move the article to the ballot; Mr. Young seconded the motion. Mr. Laferriere presented the highlights of the contract.

Mr. Combes said the Budget Committee voted 7-0-0.

No discussion

Mr. Saur moved the article to the ballot.

Mrs. Winslow, 4 Hearthstone Drive, made the motion to restrict reconsideration, Mrs. Traynham seconded the motion. Motion passed by a raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 5 Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District, if Article 3 (Londonderry Education Association - LEA) and / or Article 4 (Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals [LAAHP] bargaining agreements are defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address either Article cost items only?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

Mr. Young made the motion to move the article to the ballot; Mr. Laferriere seconded the motion.

Mr. Laferriere presented the highlights of this article.

Mr. Combes stated the Budget Committee voted 7-0-0.

No Discussion

Mr. Saur moved the article to the ballot.

Mrs. Winslow made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Mr. Gulezian seconded the motion. Motion passed by a raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 6 School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, \$1,448,000; and federal projects, \$1,519,500; such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources?

	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

Mrs. Hendricks made the motion to move the article to the ballot; Mr. Lekas seconded the motion.

Mrs. Hendricks explained this article allows us to receive federal funding with a zero tax impact.

Mr. Combes said the Budget Committee voted 7-0-0

No discussion.

Mr. Saur moved the article to the ballot.

Mrs. Winslow made the motion to restrict reconsideration; Mr. Plaza, 207 Pillsbury Road, seconded the motion. Motion passed by raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 7 Special Article (School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund)

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? The Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund was previously established and approved at the March 1995 School District Meeting.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.11)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

NOTE: The intended use for these funds is for major one-time capital costs for district facilities including roofs, paving, boilers and small renovation projects.

Mrs. Reilly made the motion to move the article to the ballot; Mrs. Hendricks seconded the motion. Mrs. Reilly presented the highlights of this article mentioning to look at Page 39. She mentioned that as a trust fund any money stays in the fund – there is a beginning balance and the school district will expend money. Money can only be used for maintenance.

Mr. Combes stated the Budget Committee voted 7-0-0.

No discussion.

Mr. Saur moved the article to the ballot.

Mrs. Winslow made the motion to restrict reconsideration; Mark Oswald, 11 Verdi Lane, seconded the motion. Motion passed by a raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 8 Special Article – Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? This fund was created to provide funds to procure essential small equipment for the classrooms, offices, technology, and buildings and grounds at the March 12, 2013 meeting, and to authorize the use of that amount up to \$100,000 from the June 30, 2015 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

Mrs. Reilly made the motion to move the article to the ballot; Mr. Lekas seconded the motion.

Mrs. Reilly presented the highlights of the article and explained that this is how to get out of capital lease and get out of paying interest. We are almost fully funding from this fund. Page 40 shows what we plan to use the money for.

Mr. Combes stated the Budget Committee voted 7-0-0

No discussion.

Mrs. Winslow made the motion to restrict reconsideration; Mrs. Traynham seconded the motion. Motion passed by raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 9 Auditorium Architectural and Engineering Costs

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to fund the necessary costs of architectural and engineering professional services for construction plans for a proposed High School / Community auditorium?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.14)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	4	1	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	4	3	0

Mrs. Hendricks made the motion to move the question to the ballot; Mrs. Reilly seconded the motion. Mr. Combes mentioned the Budget Committee voted 4-3-0 in favor of the auditorium.

Mr. DeFrancesco, Chairman of the Auditorium Committee explains in details the work that has gone in the auditorium project. He explained that the committee started with the 2006 report as a starting point. He explained that they reviewed five potential sites stating that the “cafeteria” site is the best overall site due to the accessibility for the high school students, accessibility for the general public, size considerations and cost consideration. The current committee is recommending an 800 seat auditorium of 28,800 square feet for a cost of less than \$10 million. He mentioned that this will accommodate the High School band. Assemblies will work great in this environment. They have scaled down lighting and sound. If you go up to 850 seats then all cost increase and with lighting and sound it would be the same as 1250 seats.

Al Baldasaro, 41 Hall Road, asked where is the parking as he is concerned about the parking crowd. Mr. DeFrancesco mentioned there is no additional parking for this facility. There are 878 parking spots in and around school. The School Board will decide when the building is used and not used. Mr. DeFrancesco said it will be used 60% during the day. Gerry Gulezian, 14 Brookview Drive, asked how often the people are at the high school for voting – twice a year is the answer. Deb Paul, 118 Hardy Road, reminded people that this is not money to build the auditorium – it is for the study. Mrs. Paul felt it is too much money for a study. She thinks parking is a huge issue. She is not against auditorium, but feels we are putting the cart before the horse. David Ellis agreed with Deb Paul. David Ellis will make an amendment. Mr. Saur asked Mr. Curro how buildings have been done in the past. Mr. Curro said the School District has done an addition to the High School, added a gym, two renovations to North School and South School and the process is a two-step process. We put money up front for engineering and architectural costs and this process tries to eliminate the surprises. Mr. Ellis made a motion to reduce the amount the district could raise by \$400,000 to \$100,000. Al Baldasaro seconded the motion. Amendment 1 was read by Mr. Saur: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to fund the necessary costs of architectural and engineering professional services for construction plans for a proposed High School/Community auditorium? Discussion on this amendment: Dave Plaza, 207 Pillsbury Road, asked why the School Board and Budget Committee members voted no. Mr. Lekas voted no and said it is his personal

opinion that it's a want not a need. Mr. Combes said the Budget Committee's recommendation was 4-3.

Mr. Gulezian raised a point of order and doesn't think you can just ask Mr. Lekas and the Budget Committee why they voted no without asking the other members why they voted yes. Mrs. Hendricks gave reasons why she voted yes. She thinks it will help the needs of the music department and thinks this will be a great community structure. Mrs. Reilly said her yes vote shows her support and that was discussed at the meetings and in the minutes.

Mr. Combes invited the members of the Budget Committee to speak on their votes.

Bill Mee explained that the Budget Committee goes over school and town considerations.

Greg Warner originally voted no because he didn't think it was a need but a want. Listening to the presentations, he thinks he would now support it. However, speaking to the amendment he feels the \$500,000 is the proper number for the engineering study.

Tim Siekmann was part of a NEASC study ten years ago and the school got hit for not having an auditorium.

Steve Young spoke on amendment saying it might as well be at \$1 vs \$100,000 because district already spent \$30,000 to evaluate. He felt it should be \$500,000 or zero.

Lisa St. Hilaire, 3 Mont Vernon Drive, asked, what is the breakdown of what the \$500,000 would be spent on? Mr. Curro stated from now until October the Building Committee would hire an architect, engineer and construction manager and those firms would work with the committee designing and building on paper what the auditorium would be. This would go out to bid and give the district a guaranteed maximum cost. Mr. DeFrancesco clarified it's a place holder whatever money leftover would go back to the taxpayer.

Ted Combes: Voted yes as a former band member for four years – performing in the gym was not acoustically correct; elderly people not comfortable. As far as academically, going onto college, this prepares the seniors for college in a large format setting. Cheryl Ann Pierce, 23 Mayflower Drive, thinks it's a need not a want and would like to make a motion to reduce the amount to \$1.

Al Baldasaro stated that if you have deep pockets it's a great thing. He would prefer the Town pay off some debt and give the people a break. Teachers make a difference not an auditorium. Let people vote first before throwing money.

Deb Paul stated that even though this is the way we always do it? Doesn't mean this is the way it always has to be done.

Samuel Batton, 32 Severance Drive: He felt this is valuable to students as a former student of the Londonderry. He felt the current amount is necessary for the construction of the project. If we reduce the amount the project may not happen.

Richard Tobin, 15 Shasta Drive; He felt reducing the amount to \$100,000 is a waste of money. When Election Day comes people will vote.

Ron Campo, 4 Wedgewood Circle; He felt the amendment should be defeated and he felt the \$500,000 is a good number. The community knows it costs money to build.

Mike Speltz, 18 Sugar Plum Lane; He hoped the study is going to include a roof that will have a cost savings with energy. John Connelly, 373 Winding Pond Road; asked that we don't support the amendment. He felt for many it's a want and others is a need and respects both opinions. He felt \$500,000 is the right number, but felt we are disrespecting the voters.

Katie Juster, 30 Red Deer Road; she thought the amendment should not be passed. She is a student at UNH and thought an auditorium would be great.

Mr. Young made the motion to move the question. Mr. Collacchi seconded the motion. Motion to move the question passed by a raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur read the amendment again and called for a vote. The amendment failed by a raised ballot vote.

Discussion: Abby Kelly, 3B Shelly Drive: Addresses the want vs need discussion. NEASC is our accrediting organization so if for 40 years they say we need an auditorium then I think it's a need. Dan Gore, 8 Lane Way: He asked Dan Lekas if he is opposed to the auditorium because

of the timing. Mr. Lekas said yes. Mr. Gore said the need is there. Mr. Gore said we do not know how students would have done if they had an auditorium. He said this is the standard throughout the country. This was not the standard in New Hampshire, but it is now. Bob Steenson, 3 King Henry Drive, he has been in the community for 41 years and he congratulated the School Board for commissioning this report. He doesn't think parking will be a problem. He supported this and would like to move the question; Mr. Ron Campo seconded.

Mr. Saur asked if Cheryl Ann Pierce wanted to go ahead with her amendment. She said yes. Cheryl Ann Pierce made the motion to amend the article to read shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to fund the necessary costs of architectural and engineering professional services for construction plans for a proposed High School/community auditorium? Mr. Collacchi seconded. Motion is moved by raised ballot vote. Mr. Saur read amendment again. Amendment fails by raised ballot vote so it stays at \$500,000.

Mr. Saur moved the article to the ballot as printed. Mrs. Mee made the motion to restrict reconsideration. Mr. Palazzo seconded the motion. The motion passed by a raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 10 Co-curricular and Athletic Stipends

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,069 to fund the necessary cost of stipends for music, athletics and co-curricular activities.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.002)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

Mr. Lekas made the motion to move the article to the ballot. Mr. Young seconded the motion.

Mr. Lekas presented the highlights of the article.

Mr. Combes stated the Budget Committee voted 7-0-0.

No Discussion.

Mr. Saur moved Article 10 to the ballot.

Mr. Vermillion restricted reconsideration. Mrs. Winslow seconded the motion. The motion passed by a raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur read the article.

Article 11 Citizen's Petition - Transportation Costs

The registered voters of Londonderry, NH request that the Londonderry School Board raise and appropriate \$451,552 for the additional costs of transportation and to request the Londonderry School Board to adopt a student transportation policy that includes policies and procedures for school bus stop locations and procedures for determining hazardous roadways including the elements listed below:

General Information

- A. Transportation Area/Non-Transported Area. Traffic safety factors and distance are the two primary criteria used to establish Non-Transported areas. The Non-Transported areas, less than 1 mile, are determined by measuring the distance, in the most direct route, from the home of the student to the nearest property line of the school of attendance. Bus routes are arranged according to geographic areas.
- B. Bus Stops. Whenever possible, elementary school bus stops will be located at the driveway of the youngest student within the walking distance of .25 miles. Students,

especially in primary grades, tend to forget about pedestrian safety making a driveway the safest location for pick up and discharge. Middle School and High School bus stops will be located at the nearest corner or intersection to the student's home. Bus stops will be located to maximize bus route safety and efficiency.

Bus Stop Locations and Procedures

The bus routes and stops may change each year based on the student population. Guidelines for walking to a bus stop are .0 mile for kindergarten, .25 mile elementary, and .5 mile for Middle School and High School students. Kindergarten students will be transported to and from the house/driveway of a parent or guardian. Elementary School students will be transported to and from the driveway of the youngest student within the allowable walking distance. Visibility of the bus stop location to Elementary school students' home will be a factor in determining the most appropriate stops.

- A. All bus stops will be evaluated bi-annually using criteria established by the NH Department of Education (Attached to this policy)
- B. All questions and requests to change the location of a bus stop will be addressed by the School District. Any changes will require a new/updated evaluation.
- C. Visibility from the home to the bus stop is not part of District criteria for establishing Middle School or High School bus stops. Bus stops are collector points in the neighborhood. If a parent/guardian is concerned about watching their child at the stop they need to walk with them to the stop.
- D. If a regular education bus stop is not active for a two-week period, the stop will be discontinued until the School District or the bus company is notified. If a student riding on special transportation does not ride for three days in a row (and does not call the bus company to cancel their ride for those three days), the stop will be cancelled until a parent/guardian has contacted the School District to reactivate the stop. Once notified of the need to reactivate a bus stop, it may take up to 3 school days to re-start the service at the stop, since the pickup times for other students might need to be modified or altered.

The suggested policy in this article is advisory only.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.13)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Voted by the School Board:	0	5	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	0	7	0

Mr. Young made a motion to move the article to the ballot. Mr. Laferriere seconded the motion. Mrs. Fletcher, 13 Darrow Way, presented the thoughts and ideas behind this article and hoped the voters will vote for this. She recommended to the voters to consider this petition if somebody catastrophically was injured. The visibility is poor especially during snow season and this article will help ensure a safe environment.

Mr. Combes mentioned the Budget Committee votes 0-7-0. Zero in favor and seven opposed. Mr. Curro stated that without this article passing we are looking at a \$.62 increase.

Mr. Psaledas, 12 Mont Vernon Drive; He would like to amend the article to a \$0. David Ellis seconded. He believed this article is a self-serving article. He has never missed a meeting and has never voted against anything for the kids. He felt this is ridiculous.

Mr. Saur read the first paragraph on the article with the amendment: The registered voters of Londonderry, NH request that the Londonderry School Board raise and appropriate \$0 for the additional costs of transportation and to request the Londonderry School Board to adopt a student transportation policy that includes policies and procedures for school bus stop locations and procedures for determining hazardous roadways including the elements listed.

Renee Williams, 4 Thornton Road: She is confused if the board is voting against the policy or the money. She asked Mr. Curro if he wrote this article and he said no; the petitioner wrote the article. Mr. Curro said the cost was derived by bringing the policy to the transportation provider and we felt we need to add 8 additional buses to the fleet to implement this policy.

Chris Melcher, 4 Bancroft Road: He was in favor or zeroing it out and asked what voting no on the amendment would cause the School Board to do if it passes with \$0 funding. Mr. Curro said the district would not have to do anything.

Al Baldasaro asked how many students will this effect and was told it affects all the students. David Ellis mentioned that if the zero amendment passes the words are not correct. He inquired about the rule when dropping off a child without a parent there. Mr. Curro stated that a parent is only required to be present at the stop for kindergarten only.

Mrs. Fletcher stated that the lack of policy puts a lot of responsibility on the bus driver and feels this article would provide clarity. Motion was moved by a raised ballot vote. Mr. Saur read the amendment again. The amendment passed by a raised ballot vote. No further discussion. Mr. Saur moved the article to the ballot as amended.

Mary Wing Soares made the motion to restrict reconsideration; Mr. Vermillion seconded the motion. The motion to restrict reconsideration passed by raised ballot vote.

Mr. Young spoke on behalf of Reed Page Clark who was not able to attend the meeting. He thanked the voters for coming out tonight.

Mr. Young made the motion to adjourn, Mrs. Reilly seconded the motion. Motion passed by a raised ballot vote.

Mr. Saur adjourned the meeting at 9:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Muse
School Board Secretary