Tamworth School District

State of New Hampshire

Minutes of the Annual School District Meeting

March 3, 2010

Agreeable to the Tamworth School District Warrant for March 3, 2010, approximately 238 people met in the Kenneth A. Brett School Gymnasium to discuss and vote upon its eight articles.

Moderator, Paul Chant opened the meeting at 7:33pm. Vincent Testa led the pledge of allegiance, and then the Moderator stated the building policies. The Moderator stated the rules that would be followed. He then introduced Board Members Chair Laura Pike, John Cleveland, Brenda Robinson, Dana Littlefield, Daniel Rowe, Attorney Jay Boynton, Superintendent Jay McIntire, Principal Noel DeSousa, Special Ed. Director Pat Kehoe, School Clerk Kathi Brown, Supervisors of the Checklist Amy Berrier, Sharon Nothnagle, Donna Polhamus, Ballot Clerks Liz Rowe, and Peg Delong. The warrant articles were presented by the Moderator who read each article in full before action was taken.

ARTICLE I: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) to be placed in the renovations and emergency repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Discussions ensued.

Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE II: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Tamworth School Board and the Tamworth Educational Support Personnel Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

	Estimated Increase
Year 2010-2011	$ 5,774
Year 2011-2012	$11,314
Year 2012-2013	$ 7,581

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,774.00 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

The Moderator made voters aware of the recent law of the NH Supreme Court as follows.

Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed.

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Discussions ensued.

Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE III: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,440,788.00 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of statutory obligations of the District. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

A motion was made to add back the TAG Program, the Alternative Education Program, restore the Art Program to 100%, and eliminate the proposed full day Kindergarten Program which would amend the Article amount to $5,575,697.00.

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Discussions ensued.

Motion to amend the article to $5,575,697.00 passed by a show of hands.

Yes Votes: 120 No Votes: 105

Discussions ensued.

Article passed by a show of hands.

Yes Votes: 131 No Votes: 83

Superintendent Jay McIntire made a motion to recess till 10:05. The Moderator gave a 5 minute recess.

Motion made to restrict reconsideration of the vote.

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV: Shall the voters of Tamworth School District adopt a school administrative unit budget of $580,252.00 for the forthcoming fiscal year in which $211,791.99 is assigned to the school budget of this school district? (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

This year's adjusted budget of $549,167.00 with $200,445.96 assigned to the school district budget, will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the district voters voting in this administrative unit.

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Discussions ensued. Must be a hand vote.

Yes Votes: 73 No Votes: 64

ARTICLE V: To see if the voters of the Tamworth School District will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty three thousand eighty four dollars ($63,084.00) for the purpose of replacing the generator at the school in order to comply with the requirement to bring the school (as the designated town emergency facility) online in the event of a power outage and/or an Emergency Shelter deployment. Of said amount, thirty one thousand five hundred forty-two dollars ($31,542.00) will be paid by the State of New Hampshire through an Emergency Management Performance Grant. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Discussions ensued.

Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI: To see if the voters of the Tamworth School District direct the School Board to support any and all efforts of the New Hampshire School Boards Association to seek legislative repeal of RSA 273-A:12, Section VII., the provision in statute commonly referred to as the statutory "Evergreen Clause", to restore local control in the collective bargaining and school district budget processes. (The School Board recommends this article.)

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Discussions ensued.

Article passed by voice, then hand vote.

ARTICLE VII: Shall the School District accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing

indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (The School Board recommends this article.)

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Article passed by voice vote

ARTICLE VIII: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion: Moved Second: Yes

Comments by the audience.

Whereas NH State Rule 306.17, gives the requirements and recommendations for class size, and the Tamworth School Board does not presently have a policy on class size, David Little made a motion that The Tamworth School Board adopt and implement an official school policy on class size by September of 2010.

Seconded. Advisory phase of the meeting only.

Not passed by voice vote

Motion to adjourn: Yes Motion seconded: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi S. Brown
School District Clerk