

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Williamstown are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Williamstown Middle High School on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) to act upon the following articles. Voting for all Australian Ballot articles and elections will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from ten o'clock in the forenoon to seven o'clock in the evening (10:00 AM – 7:00 PM).

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Matthew Powell, Moderator, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Matthew announced that in the lobby, Eastern Star was selling coffee and donuts, the Barre City Girl Scouts were selling cookies and Ice Out tickets are being sold by the Historical Society.

Matthew Powell read the warning for the Paine Mountain School District and had the school directors come up to the table and discuss any issues that anyone may have. Matthew stated that if there was no objection, he would allow school and town officials to speak as some of them are not town residents.

Jessica Van Deren, PMSD school chairperson, Danielle Moffatt, school director, Horace Duke, school director, Matthew Fedders, Superintendent and Chris Locarno, Finance Director were present. Winston Chambers questioned as to why the last two articles had an increase. Chris Locarno stated, the operation of the schools, Special Education, transportation, salaries, nursing, all those services saw an increase to all the schools. Christopher Dessureau questioned as to why and where does \$1,000,000 in services for Special Education funding. Matthew Fedders, spoke as to the increase in special and emotional needs children, additional support is needed, contracted services that are often needed that we don't have within the district. The cost for a single student with special needs is anywhere between \$75,000 to \$85,000 per student. Chris Locarno stated that this added increase in these contracted services is at least 30%. Danielle Moffatt spoke as there is not enough professional educators that are able to meet the needs to these students. Julie Henderson questioned if this money included handicap as well. Matthew Fedders stated with the American Disability Act that there are 13 specific disabilities that the schools are required to meet.

Jessica Van Deren mentioned that there is a school community survey by the CVSU on their website, and paper copies are available up back and would appreciate that you fill one out.

Winston Chambers made the motion and seconded by Cote Griggs to recess for 10 minutes and resume back at 10:45 A.M.

ART 1: To elect the following officers of the Paine Mountain School District for the ensuing year by Australian ballot: Two (2) Williamstown School Directors for Three (3) Year Terms on Paine Mountain School Board. For the purpose of this article, the polls will be opened at 10:00 o'clock AM and closed at 7:00 o'clock PM.

The total votes cast were 371 for School Directors. The result were as follows:

School Director, 3 years (vote for not more than TWO)

Joshua Dobrovich.....	199
Danielle Moffatt.....	262
Write-Ins-Miscellaneous.....	6
Blank.....	275
TOTAL.....	742

ART 2: **To see if the Paine Mountain School District will authorize the Board of Directors of the Paine Mountain School District to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise, in anticipation of taxes, by Australian ballot.**

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOLS

YES.....701 NO.....301

ART 3: **Shall the voters of the Paine Mountain School District approve the Paine Mountain School District Board to expend \$20,385,954 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year for the Paine Mountain School District, by Australian ballot.**

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOLS

YES.....653 NO..... 356

ART 4: **To see if the Paine Mountain School District will vote to apply \$150,000 of FY22 (2021-2022) audited fund balance to be placed in a Paine Mountain School District Capital Improvement Fund, by Australian ballot.**

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOL

YES.....748 NO.....254

ART 5: **To see if the Paine Mountain School District will authorize \$50,000 of FY22 (2021-2022) audited fund balanced to be placed in a Paine Mountain School District into a newly created Paine Mountain School District Tax Stability Fund, by Australian ballot.**

TOTAL OF COMBINED TOWN SCHOOL

YES.....731 NO.....272

/s/Matthew Powell, Moderator

/s/Barbara Graham, Town Clerk