

**Kensington School District Hearing
Minutes January 10, 2018**

In Attendance:

Board Members – Tina Favara, Ben Cole, Jennifer Ramsey
Administrators – Esther Asbell, and Becky Ruel

Visitors: Pam Holland, Lili Spinosa, Barbara Greenwood, Tim Galitski, Courtney Prenata, Heather Antal, Wayne Antal, Shannon Cole, Kelsey Plourde, Wendy Lawler, Matthew Andrews

Mrs. Favara called the public hearing to order at 6:05 PM

Mrs. Favara reviewed the 2018-19 proposed operating budget highlighting the major increases in the FY2019 budget. The total of major increases is \$256,713.00. She then reviewed the major decreases in the proposed operating budget, which is a total of \$22,280.00. (see attachments 1 and 2)

Community members asked questions regarding anticipated class size, snow plowing expenses, and special education expenses. Also a question was raised regarding any findings on the audit. Mrs. Asbell shared the results of the audit are not available yet, however when the findings come in the KES Board will review the report. It will be listed on the agenda when the review is available.

Mr. Cole reviewed warrant article number two; the collective bargaining agreement. The process was described and then Mr. Cole highlighted major changes that were negotiated, one of them being a change in health care plan which if passed would be a savings of about \$28,000.00 next year. The salary increase for year one is \$48,819.00.

Mr. Cole explained another major change was this contract is for four years instead of only two. Mr. Cole asked for questions from the public. Questions on health care were asked and discussed.

Mr. Cole explained these changes are also due to a change in insurance provider which the teachers requested.

Mr. Cole made a motion to close the Budget Hearing. Mrs. Ramsey seconded. All in favor. The Public Budget Hearing was closed at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M Lalime
Kensington School Board Clerk

School: Kensington Local School

New Hampshire

Warrant and Budget

2018

To the inhabitants of the town of Kensington Local School in the County of Rockingham in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in school district affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 7, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Kensington Elementary School

Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 13, 2018

Time: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Location: Kensington Town Hall

Details:

Article 1: General Operating Budget

Shall the Kensington School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,879,652? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,693,794, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or 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. The Kensington School Board recommends \$2,879,652 as set forth on said budget.)

Yes No

Article 2: Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Kensington School Board and the Kensington Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:



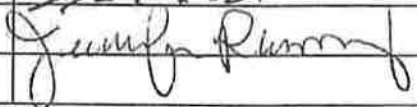
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Estimated Increase</i>
2019	\$48,819
2020	\$45,644
2021	\$47,807
2022	\$46,641

and further to raise and appropriate \$48,819 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing 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. The Kensington School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Given under our hands, January 2018

We certify and attest that on or before January 23, 2018 we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at SAU #16, Kensington Town Hall, and delivered the original to the Town Administrator

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Tina Favara	Chair	
Benjamin R. Cole	Member	
Jennifer Ramsay	Member	

KENSINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District of the town of Kensington, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Kensington Town Hall in said District on TUESDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2018, at 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose one (1) School Board member for the ensuing three (3) years.
2. To choose one (1) School District Auditor for the ensuing one (1) year.


Given under our hands this 10th day of January 2018.

State of New Hampshire
True Copy of Warrant - Attest

KENSINGTON SCHOOL BOARD



Tija Favara, Chairperson



Jennifer Ramsey, Member



Benjamin Cole, Member