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Newfound Area School District
Public Hearing on Article 2 (by petition): Tax Rescission
February 20, 2017

Bridgewater Hebron Village School M.P.R. 6:30 p.m.

School Board members present: Jeff Levesque, Sue Cheney, Don Franklin, Sharon Klapyk, Christine Davol, Jason Robert, and Vincent Migliore

District Staff present: Stacy Buckley, Michael Limanni

Public present: Lucille Keegan, Bristol; Rose Williams, Bridgewater

Jeff Levesque called the hearing to order at 6:34 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Levesque read the petitioned article 2. The school board is neutral and chooses not to make any recommendation on this petitioned article or any other articles by petition. School board member opinions will be personal opinions.

Lucille Keegan, Bristol, introduced the petitioned article and stated her reasons for submitting it.

Rose Williams, Bridgewater, asked for additional information concerning percentages.

Michael Limanni explained 2% is only a tax cap on the local assessment, i.e. the portion raised by local taxes, and this year that portion is \$12 million that can be raised by 2%.

Don Franklin added that Groton lost \$190,000 in adequacy aid that decreased revenues.

Town of Hill brought in revenue and we funded all-day kindergarten with that because it was unanticipated but now it is anticipated.

Jason Robert and Sue Cheney spoke in favor of the petitioned article 2.

Michael Limanni discussed more financial information and explained that the district is both trying to reduce expenditures while at the same time looking to increase revenues.

Sharon Klapyk referenced the Bristol citizen who made the motion at the Deliberative Session to raise the Operating Budget by \$800,000 as evidence that the community supports fiscal responsibility.

Vincent Migliore inquired as to the amount that the district returned to the taxpayers last year. The answer is \$957,773. Further discussion concerned last year's surplus.

Vincent Migliore made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Sue Cheney seconded. ***Motion Passed***

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier