

**TOWN OF RAYMOND
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Town Clerk Louise Lester opened the meeting at 6:30 pm at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium saying:

TO: Jack Cooper, a resident of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium, in said Town of Raymond on June 27, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

NOMINATION: There was a nomination and second for John Robinson as moderator.

MOTION: There was a motioned and second to cease nominations.

VOTE: Carried.

VOTE ON NOMINATION: Carried.

MOTION BY CONSENT: John Robinson asked that a motion by consent be accepted for the following non-residents to be allowed to speak: Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent; Dorothy Mowatt, School Business Manager; Patricia Menzel, Special Education Director; and Randy Crockett, JSMS Principal.

VOTE: No opposition.

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$4,378,050 for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Requests \$ 4,378,050

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 4,378,050

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$4,378,050.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$1,573,510 for Special Education.

School Committee Requests \$ 1,573,510

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 1,573,510

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$1,573,510.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$36,598 for Other Instruction.

School Committee Requests \$ 36,598
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 36,598

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$36,598.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$541,979 for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Requests \$ 541,979
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 541,979

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$541,979.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$296,646 for System Administration.

School Committee Requests \$ 296,646
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 296,646

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$296,646.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$278,193 for School Administration.

School Committee Requests \$ 278,193
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 278,193

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$278,193.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$479,604 for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Requests \$ 479,604
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 479,604

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$479,604.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$694,311 for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Requests \$ 694,311
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 640,311

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$694,311.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$618,149 for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Requests \$ 618,149
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 618,149

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$618,149.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$38,000 for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Requests \$ 38,000
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 38,000

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$38,000.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690

1. School Administrative Unit Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690(1 A-B)):

1-A. For a municipal school unit:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town of Raymond will appropriate \$6,233,635 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$ 7,362,028) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee requests \$ 6,233,635
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 6,233,635

“Explanation: The school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.”

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$6,233,635.

VOTE: Carried.

2. Appropriation for Non-state-funded Debt Service Allocation (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (2A)):

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$15,629 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

School Committee requests \$15,629

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 15,629

“Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality/district long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.”

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$15,629.

VOTE: Carried.

Actions taken pursuant to item 3 must be taken by a recorded vote (secret ballot).

3. Appropriation of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (3 A-B)):

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate \$1,532,383 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,368,733 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

School Committee requests \$1,532,383

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 1,478,383

“Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipality budget for educational programs.”

STATEMENT OF REASONS: *The amount of \$1,368,733 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model of \$7,525,678 for grades K-12 is explained by the actual anticipated cost in tuition for Grades 9-12, Special Education, Operation and Maintenance, System Administration, Transportation, Extra-Curricular, Lunch Transfer, Contingency.*

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$1,478,383.

VOTE: Defeated (42 in favor, 89 opposed)

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve the School Board's budget of \$1,532,383.

VOTE: Carried (87 in favor, 37 opposed)

4. Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A))

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town of Raymond will authorize the school committee to expend \$8,935,040 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Requests \$ 8,935,040

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 8,881,040

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve \$8,935,040.

VOTE: Carried.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to adjourn.

VOTE: Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk