

**OFFICERS OF THE  
HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

School Board	Term Expires
Ed Swanson	2005
Jane Barry	2005 (for a two year term)
Martha Macomber	2006
Shane Sirles	2006
Laura Rollison	2007

**CLERK**

Sara Weinberg

**TREASURER**

Kathleen Whittmore

**MODERATOR**

Malcolm Taylor

**AUDITOR**

Grzelak and Associates

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Mark Halloran

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Ethel Gaides

## **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2004**

The Annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm "Tink" Taylor who asked Margaret "Peg" Winton to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Results of the Holderness and Pemi-Baker Cooperative School District elections of March 9, 2004 were announced. School Board member for 3 years: Fawn Ouellette received 167 votes; Laura Rollison received 155 votes; Jane Bjerklic-Barry was defeated receiving 143 votes. School Board member for 1 year: Ed Swanson received 230 votes. School District Clerk: Sara Weinberg received 242 votes.

A motion was made by Peg Winton and seconded by Fran Taylor to waive the reading of the warrant in its entirety and go directly to the first article. Passed unanimously.

Article I: moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Fran Taylor. The vote was unanimous to accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers.

Article II: Moved by James Scales and seconded by Kurt Magnus. Suzanne Peoples asked if this figure includes maintenance for new computers. School Board Member Ty Gagne explained that the school cannot budget for maintenance under a capital reserve fund. The money for computer maintenance is located under other lines in the schools operating budget. Passed unanimously.

Article III: Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Fran Taylor. The vote was unanimous to place \$7,500 in the previously established special education capital reserve fund.

Article IV: Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Kurt Magnus. Suzanne Peoples asked the School Board to explain the nature of the benefits and salary increases listed under this article. Ty Gagne responded that the benefits include medical, dental and salary increases over the net 3 years. Martha Macomber explained that staff are given three options for health insurance coverage and that less expensive plans are now being offered. School staff will receive a 3% raise in 2004-2005, a 2.5% raise in 2005-2006 and a 3% raise in 2006-2007. Peoples asked what the raises are based on. Macomber responded that the raises are not based on merit and that all school staff will receive the same raises. The article passed, with Suzanne Peoples opposed.

Article V: Moved by Shane Sirles and seconded by Fran Taylor. Suzanne Peoples asked if the operating budget of \$3,467,844 includes Plymouth Regional High School. Sirles responded that his budget is for Holderness Central School only. This article passed with Suzanne Peoples opposed.

Article VI: Under any further business Laurence Beeson requested that the School Board discuss the contract that Holderness has with Plymouth Regional High School. Beeson stated that Holderness pays approximately \$20,000 each year per student. Ty Gagne explained that the forum for this discussion is at the next SAU meeting. Gagne

also stated that Holderness may be able to hold a special public hearing to discuss this contract. Kurt Magnus asked about the menu for figuring High School tuition. Gagne explained that the school funding formula that was voted on in 1989 set 50% for the number of high school students sent to Plymouth Regional High School and 50% for valuation. Shane Sirles stated that he has talked to other members of the School Board about changing this formula for tuition. Ty Gagne said that it could be risky to attempt to change Holderness' tuition formula, as it could be amended by someone from another town to increase, rather than decrease the amount Holderness pays. Ed Swanson added that there are reports available in the Town Hall regarding the feasibility of Holderness having its own High School.

Shane Sirles expressed appreciation to the two outgoing School Board Members, Ty Gagne and James Scales for their years of service. Sirles thanked Gagne and Scales for their dedication and presented them with flowers as a token of the School Board's appreciation.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Peg Winto and seconded by Fran Taylor to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara M. Weinberg  
School District Clerk, Holderness

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the eighth day of March, 2005 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.
3. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 21st day of February, 2005.

Jane Barry  
Edward Swanson  
Martha C. Macomber  
Shane D. Sirles  
Laura Rollison

A true copy of warrant attest:

Jane Barry  
Edward Swanson  
Martha C. Macomber  
Shane D. Sirles  
Laura Rollison

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Thursday the (17th) seventeenth day of March, 2005, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.
- Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing computers and related equipment. ~~The School Board recommends~~ this appropriation and ~~the Budget Committee recommends~~ this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)
- Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building renovations and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in this fund and to designate the school board as agents to expend from this Building Renovations Capital Reserve Fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)
- Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million four hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars (\$3,433,832) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District and includes the sums found in Articles 2 and 3. ~~The School Board recommends~~ this appropriation and ~~the Budget Committee recommends~~ this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)
- Article 5: To discuss Senate Bill 2 which will be voted on by official ballot at the polls on March 8, such ballot question to read: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the School District?" (Submitted by Petition) (60% vote required) The School Board Does Not recommend this article.
- Article 6: To discuss RSA 194-C:9-b which will be voted on by official ballot at the polls on March 8, such ballot question to read: "Shall the voters of the Holderness school district within school administrative unit number 4 8 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school

administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meetings?" (Submitted by Petition) (Majority vote required.) The School Board Does Not recommend this article.

Article 7: To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.

Shane D. Sirles  
Jane Barry  
Martha C. Macomber  
Laura Rollison  
Edward Swanson  
Holderness School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

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