

LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK  
COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Annual School District Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District was held March 24, 2022, at Lin-Wood Public School in the Middle/High School multi-purpose room and gymnasium. The Moderator, Robert Wetherell presented the ballot box, confirmed with the clerks and supervisors in the room that the ballot box was empty, stated that absentee ballots would be announced as early as 4:00 PM, and declared the polls open at 2:00 PM.

The Ballot Clerks were:

For the Town of Lincoln:

- Kristyn Daigle-Brophy
- Jennifer Franz

For the Town of Woodstock:

- Cheryl Bourassa
- Faith Desjardins

The Supervisors of the Checklist were:

For the Town of Lincoln:

- Laurel Kuplin
- Janet Peltier
- Susan Chenard

For the Town of Woodstock:

- Barbara Avery
- Helen Jones
- Diane Tardif

At 6 p.m. Moderator Robert Wetherell declared the polls closed.

The Moderator called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approximately 162 people were in attendance.

Moderator, Robert Wetherell welcomed attendees: “Good evening everyone, I call the annual meeting to order. Thank you for joining your school district annual meeting. I am glad you appreciate the importance of making major decisions. I encourage you to ask questions and make comments. A valuable lesson I learned a long time ago is: “Say what you mean, mean what you say, but don’t be mean when you say it.” That will be our motto for tonight. Thank you, facilities department, for setting up the Robert Nelson gym and the Lincoln Public Works crew for moving all the voting equipment.”

The Moderator lead the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator, Robert Wetherell presented the moderators rules for the meeting: “Facemasks are recommended while inside the building. There is a section of chairs paired and social distanced. Please do not move chairs and reserve those seats for voters wearing masks and/or prefer to social distance. All cell phones should be turned to silent. Each participant will treat every other participant with respect and courtesy. The moderator will not allow personal attacks or inappropriate language. Anyone wishing to address the meeting will use the microphone and first be recognized by the moderator. Speakers will begin by stating their name. All other speakers will be considered out of order. I will allow non-voters to speak, however please identify yourself as a non-voter. While

allowed to speak, you are forbidden from voting. The initial presentations on Articles will be limited to five minutes, all speakers in debate will be limited to three minutes (including a warning at one minute remaining). Time to be determined by the moderator. All new speakers who desire to speak will be given a chance to do so before one is given a second opportunity on the same issue. Each Article needs a motion and a second in order to discuss it. Only one amendment to a motion will be allowed on the floor at any one time. No amendment to an amendment will be allowed; such proposals will be dealt with as subsequent amendments after the first amendment has been voted upon. All amendments will be submitted in writing to the moderator. The subject of the original article must be addressed in the amendment and it cannot be a negative amendment. The moderator can be overruled by a majority of the meeting.”

The Moderator announced the following results of the afternoon voting:

Number of ballots cast: 277

For Moderator for One Year (vote for 1)

Robert Wetherell	268 (elected)
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For School Board for Three Years (vote for 2)

Paul Schirduan	65 (not elected)
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Kevin Bell	183 (elected)
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Joe Bossie	216 (elected)
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Darlana Clark	70 (not elected)
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Moderator, Robert Wetherell explained: “We have two articles by petition tonight that, by law, require secret ballots with polls open for at least one hour. We will start there and open the polls. Once it appears most everyone has voted, I will call the meeting back to order and we will continue on with business starting from the beginning while the polls remain open for voting.”

**ARTICLE 17.** By Petition, Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year’s actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%? This petition warrant article proposes the school board and budget committee will be limited to raising the budget for the Lin-Wood Cooperative School District to no more than 4% from the previous year. This warrant must be voted using a secret ballot with the polls open for a minimum of one hour and requires a 3/5 majority approval. If approved, the tax cap shall be in effect for the next fiscal year.

**Paul Schirduan made a motion, seconded by Jody Avery, to approve Article 17 as written.**

Discussion:

Petitioner, Paul Schirduan presented Article 17 noting the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District had been voted out by a small margin the previous year and a tax cap would provide guiderails to the budget process. Mr. Schirduan noted the School’s budget is higher than the state average and a tax cap would help keep a handle on the finances.

Board Chairperson, Jay Duguay mentioned there may be consequences to a tax cap that would limit the ability to operate the school. Mr. Duguay mentioned, for instance, the receipt of Federal and State grants may artificially deflate the budget. Jay Duguay noted the budget presented for 2022-2023 includes only a 1.2% increase over the current year’s budget. Mr. Duguay continued, this 1.2% increase will reflect a 3% tax increase in Lincoln and a 2% tax increase in Woodstock, this indicates it would not take much of a budget increase to reach a 4% tax cap.

Nancy Ingalls indicated that Mr. Duguay had made great points but expressed her concerns with the tax impact on the community’s senior residents. Ms. Ingalls noted the budget is 8.5 million dollars and there are less than 300 students enrolled in the School. Nancy Ingalls noted the tax cap would provide

accountability in the budget process. Ms. Ingalls mentioned the Board needs to be stringent in the budget process and streamline the budget while meeting the best needs of the children.

Jayne Ludwig noted that taxes are rising and the School Board needs to be prudent with taxpayers' money. Ms. Ludwig encouraged the School Board to think about the tax payers as well as the kids.

Ken Chapman mentioned that budget items are sometimes outside the control of the School Board. Mr. Chapman noted inflation is currently 7.9% and wondered how inflation would be handled should a tax cap be adopted. Ken Chapman mentioned the School Board was conscious of the fact that the money in the budget was not their money but the taxpayers' money. Mr. Chapman noted choosing an arbitrary number as a tax cap was not wise. Ken Chapman mentioned the Board was elected and should be trusted to do the right thing for the community and students.

**ARTICLE 18.** By Petition, Increase voter participation by changing Lincoln and Woodstock to a SB-2 district so elections happen in November where turnout is substantially higher.

**Paul Schirduan made a motion, seconded by Robert McAfee, to approve Article 18 as written.**

Discussion:

Petitioner, Paul Schirduan presented Article 18 noting that changing to SB2 would move voting to the same time as the town voting and no extra voting session would take place. Mr. Schirduan mentioned there is currently no absentee voting but with SB2 there would be an absentee ballot. Paul Schirduan noted the meeting date could not be changed for SB2 voting. Mr. Schirduan mentioned there is currently no morning voting period for School District elections and continued that, voting at the same time as the towns would help commuters. Paul Schirduan expressed his opinion that changing to an SB2 District would increase voter participation.

Moderator, Robert Wetherell clarified that SB2 districts are required to have two sessions; a Deliberative Session followed a month later by the vote in March. The Moderator mentioned voting could not take place in November as mentioned in Warrant Article 18.

School Board Chairperson, Jay Duguay mentioned with SB2, the School District would not have an opportunity to hold a town meeting style meeting. Mr. Duguay noted with SB2, a Deliberative Session would be held to go over the Warrant and make changes. Jay Duguay mentioned, once the Deliberative Session was complete, no additional changes could be made to the Warrant. Mr. Duguay continued, the Warrant would be placed on a ballot and the ballot would be voted on during the elections in each Town on Town Meeting Day without the opportunity for voters to ask questions or have further discussion. Jay Duguay noted if the voters appreciate the current format for the School District meeting, they should vote no on Article 18. Mr. Duguay mentioned Article 18 would not work as currently written as voting would not move to November.

Mark Houde inquired as to why the meeting date for the School District meeting was changed?

Jay Duguay answered, the School District meeting date was changed last year because of COVID-19. Mr. Duguay continued, this year, the meeting date was originally scheduled for March 15, 2022 but was changed due to two petition articles that were received. Jay Duguay noted each of these petition articles required public hearings. Mr. Duguay continued; the time period restrictions related to the public hearings did not allow an adequate amount of time to hold the School District meeting on the original date.

Moderator, Robert Wetherell stated: "It's time for secret ballot voting. Because this is not an election you do not need your ID. Please state your name loudly to the ballot clerks. You will see a table for Lincoln on the right and one for Woodstock on the left. Each table is broken out to two sections A-L and K-Z, it will speed things up if you try to put yourselves close to alphabetical order by last name. Please enter the multipurpose room using the doors over there, after voting, go out to the hallway and back into the gym

using the doors in the back. We are in recess for the purpose of voting on articles 17 and 18, the time is 7:34 PM.”

The Moderator continued the meeting at 7:54 PM indicating the polls would remain open for Articles 17 and 18 until 8:34 PM.

**ARTICLE 3.** To hear all reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Jay Duguay, to approve all the reports as written.**  
Discussion: None. **The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve the reports as written. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the District will set the salaries of the School Board at \$1,000, the Vice Chairperson at \$1,250, the Chairperson at \$1,500, the Board Negotiation Team at \$150 per day, the Moderator at \$90 per meeting, the School District Clerk at \$250 per meeting, the Ballot Clerks at \$80 per meeting, the Supervisors of the Checklist at \$90 per meeting, and the School District Treasurer at \$4,180 per year. The money for this article is included in Article 5.

**Matt Manning made a motion, seconded by Ken Chapman, to approve Article 4 as written.**  
Discussion: None. **The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 4 as written. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the School Board's recommended amount of eight million six hundred fifty-four thousand two hundred seventy dollars (\$8,654,270) 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 to authorize the application against said appropriation such sums as are estimated to be received from state aid, together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock, respectively, the balance to be raised by taxes by the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock in accordance with the formula adopted by the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District; and the School Board further to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock the amount to be raised by taxation by each of said two towns. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Matt Manning, to approve Article 5 as written.**

Discussion:

School Board Chairperson, Jay Duguay noted Article 5 represents the general School District budget which supports approximately: 43 teachers, 30 support staff, 270 students including 55 with IEPs, building maintenance, grounds maintenance, etc. Mr. Duguay mentioned there is a 1.2% increase over last year's budget and of that increase, \$95,000 is for factors outside the control of the District. Jay Duguay noted last year, the School District voters removed the Budget Committee making it the duty of the School Board to prepare and present the budget. Mr. Duguay mentioned the Budget process followed similar practices as in the past: the Administration presented a budget including known expenses, salaries, etc.; the School Board then went through the budget line by line, editing, removing, and adding as deemed appropriate and necessary. Jay Duguay noted the budget increase was in most part related to an increase in fuel cost and special education costs. Mr. Duguay mentioned the current 2021-2022 budget was down 1.3% over the previous year's budget and with a 1.2% increase for 2022-2023, the budget is still down .1% over the past two years. Jay Duguay noted that with enrollment decreasing, 2.5 positions have been eliminated through attrition over the past couple of years. Mr. Duguay mentioned the Board takes the obligation of being responsible stewards of the taxpayers' money seriously while funding the District adequately.

John Kimball asked about the difference between the 2021-2022 total District budget number of \$8,766,003 and the budget number of \$8,383,796 that had been approved?

Debbie O'Connor, School District Financial Manager, replied, once the budget and warrant articles are approved, the amounts in the separate warrant articles are rolled into the total District budget.

Nancy Ingalls asked if the ESSER grant funds were part of the budget?

Debbie O'Connor noted the ESSER grant funds are not in the budget as they have not all been expended. Mrs. O'Connor mentioned the District has been awarded approximately \$756,000 in ESSER grant funds which the District will be spending over the next couple of years.

Jay Duguay mentioned the Cares ACT and ESSER grant funds have restrictions and limitations. Mr. Duguay noted the Cares Act and ESSER grant funds could only be expended for COVID-19 related projects that meet the requirements.

Jayne Ludwig indicated she had heard other School Districts were utilizing ESSER funds to pay for sick days for staff members that have contracted COVID. Ms. Ludwig asked if this was the practice at Lin-Wood?

Jay Duguay answered that Lin-Wood was not using ESSER funds for COVID related sick days.

Diane Tardif mentioned that taxes are high which is a burden on a lot of people particularly older people on Social Security. Mrs. Tardif expressed her concerns that 83% of the budget is for salary and benefits and is not going back to the kids.

Matt Manning mentioned his appreciation to the School Board for balancing the needs of the District with the needs to the taxpayers.

**Matt Manning made a motion, seconded by Tamra Ham, to call the question.**

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell explained the passing of the motion would end discussion on Article 5 and the vote would be called.

**The Moderator called for a voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.**

**The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 5 as written. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**Ken Chapman made a motion, seconded by Paula Houde, to restrict reconsideration of Article 5 at this meeting.**

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell explained the passing of the motion would restrict reconsideration on Article 5 at this meeting, however if the meeting is recessed and continued on another occasion, Article 5 could again be brought forward.

**The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 5. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board and Lin-Wood Support Staff Association/NEA-New Hampshire which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

FISCAL YEAR	ESTIMATED INCREASE
2022-2023	\$30,176
2023-2024	\$19,582

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand one hundred seventy-six dollars (\$30,176) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**Matt Manning made a motion, seconded by Tamra Ham, to approve Article 6 as written.**

Discussion: None. **The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 6 as written. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Ken Chapman made a motion, seconded by Tamra Ham, to restrict reconsideration of Article 6 at this meeting. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall the District, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only? (Majority Vote)

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Joe Bossie, to pass over Article 7. Discussion: None. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to pass over Article 7. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) for the flooring replacement project, including but not limited to the Lin-Wood High School main office, guidance office, special education classrooms and offices, and the Humanities wing, as part of a multi-year project. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**Matt Manning made a motion, seconded by Tamra Ham, to approve Article 8 as written.**

Discussion:

School Board member, Brian Angelone noted the District is in year seven of the flooring project. Mr. Angelone explained that last year the project was put on hold to work on the roofing. Brian Angelone noted the project was slated to take 10 years at a cost \$100,000 per year. Mr. Angelone mentioned due to inflation, the costs have increased and the current portion of the flooring project is estimated at \$140,000. Brian Angelone noted the full flooring replacement project is slated to be completed in two years.

**The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 8 as written. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund. This sum represents the amount estimated to be received from state Special Education Aid from the prior year expenditures. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Matt Manning, to approve Article 9 as written.**

Discussion:

School Board Chairperson, Jay Duguay mentioned he would speak to both Article 9 and Article 10 at this time as both articles refer to special education. Mr. Duguay noted Article 9 relates to the funds expected to be received from the NH Department of Education in special education aid in relationship to special education expenses unexpectedly incurred by the District this year.

Jay Duguay noted Article 10 is for \$100,000 to bring the Special Education Capital Trust Fund back to safe operating levels. Mr. Duguay noted one out of district special education placement costs the District approximately \$200,000. Jay Duguay mentioned the general operating budget includes known special education costs for the school year. Mr. Duguay noted the \$100,000 in Article 10 is to be raised by taxation and would allow the District to absorb another unexpected out of district placement.

**The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 9 as written. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Matt Manning, to approve Article 10 as written. Discussion: None. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 10 as written. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate sixty percent (60%) up to the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the School Facilities Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Mark Houde, to approve Article 11 as written. Discussion: None. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 11 as written. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**Matt Manning made a motion, seconded by Ken Watson to approve Article 12 as written. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 12 as written. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**Ted Russell made a motion, seconded by Matt Manning, to approve Article 13 as written. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 13 as written. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate twenty percent (20%) up to the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the School Technology Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Matt Manning, to approve Article 14 as written. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Article 14 as written. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Jay Duguay, to restrict reconsideration of Articles 8 through 14 at this meeting. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 8 through 14. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 15.** By Petition, School Audit – Engaging the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Program to a maximum of \$35,000 with either NH DOE approved contractors Demonstrated Success or WestEd. The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.

**Paul Schirduan made a motion to amend Article 15 to read: “School Audit – Engaging the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Program with either NH DOE approved contractors Demonstrated Success or WestEd.”, seconded by Robert McAfee.**

Discussion:

Ken Chapman asked that Article 15 be read as it appeared on the Warrant.

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell noted the amendment was received to him in writing at the start of the meeting. The Moderator mentioned the amendment would keep the words of the original article but remove the dollar amount. The Moderator read Article 15 as it appeared on the Warrant: “By Petition, School Audit – Engaging the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Program to a maximum of \$35,000 with either NH DOE approved contractors Demonstrated Success or WestEd. The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.”

Paul Schirduan noted the amendment was made to rectify concerns with the District’s current agreement for services provided by Demonstrated Success. Mr. Schirduan noted the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Program is a federal program provided to schools that fall in the lower 10%. Paul Schirduan mentioned his concerns with Lin-Wood’s school ranking and test scores. Paul Schirduan mentioned the Superintendent’s report in the Annual Report notes a 30% grade 8 proficiency rate indicating that 70% are not proficient yet the children all made the honor roll. Mr. Schirduan noted the passing of Article 15 would allow an outside independent assessment of the school.

Tara Tower noted that she had two children graduate from Lin-Wood and each went on to high performing colleges. Ms. Tower noted there are more important things than test scores.

Jackie Wilson mentioned Lin-Wood’s test scores were above the State average and also above other schools in the region. Ms. Wilson noted the School is so much more than test scores. Jackie Wilson mentioned not just teachers, but the full community participate in students’ education, for instance her son was able to participate in a welding internship with Mr. Houde. Ms. Wilson noted the community is lucky to have a small school where education can be customized to each child’s interest.

Tracey Brumlik noted she wants her child to be a good person and have a good experience at school not be a good test taker.

Dalton Bentley mentioned the school is holistic and focuses on social emotion learning. Mr. Bentley mentioned the teachers engage the kids and work on incredible school projects.

Noah Daigle noted he is a senior at Lin-Wood. Mr. Daigle mentioned he had left Lin-Wood in 8<sup>th</sup> grade but returned for his senior year; upon notice of his returning he received a welcome back email from the School Principal. Noah Daigle noted upon his return to Lin-Wood teachers stopped him in the halls to say hello and to check in with him. Mr. Daigle mentioned Lin-Wood does more than other schools, every teacher is there to help with students’ education. Noah Daigle noted Lin-Wood’s focus is on students’ mental health and wellness. Mr. Daigle mentioned test scores do not have a large effect on students.

School Board Chairperson, Jay Duguay noted he did not believe the approval of Article 15 would be beneficial. Mr. Duguay mentioned the District already contracts with Demonstrated Success to work with



the teachers at a cost of \$47,000. Jay Duguay noted Article 15 as amended would be a mandate without funding or appropriation and the funds would have to come out of the general budget.

**Ken Chapman made a motion, seconded by Tamra Ham, to call the question. The Moderator called for a voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.**

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell noted it does not take many voters' signatures to require a Warrant Article be voted by secret ballot. The Moderator mentioned the vote for Article 15 would be by secret ballot.

Ken Chapman reminded the Moderator that there was an amendment on the floor that required a vote.

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell thanked Mr. Chapman for the reminder.

**The Moderator called for a voice vote to approve the amendment of Article 15. Motion failed by voice vote.**

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell noted Article 15 would be voted by secret ballot as written in the Warrant. The Moderator stated "The polls for this article will NOT stay open for one hour. I will announce a last call and the polls will close. We are in recess for the purpose of voting on Article 15 the time is 8:37."

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell continued the meeting at 8:50 PM. The Moderator explained the remainder of the Warrant Articles would also take place by secret ballot as the written requests with the necessary signatures had been received. The Moderator continued, each remaining Article would be discussed and then the secret ballot vote would begin for all the remaining Articles simultaneously. The Moderator mentioned each Article would have a different color ballot marked with the Article number.

**ARTICLE 16.** By petition, We shall immediately make face coverings a choice for students and staff in the Lin-Wood Cooperative School District. This petition warrant article proposes to allow students and staff the choice of using face coverings. Face coverings or masks will be a parental choice.

**ARTICLE 19.** By Petition, Shall the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative reinstate the school district's budget committee pursuant to RSA:195-12-a. This is a petition warrant submitted per RSA 197:6. (Majority Vote Required) Reinstate the School Budget Board.

**ARTICLE 20.** By Petition, To see if the voters at the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District will vote to adopt a School Budget Committee at the Lincoln Woodstock Cooperative School District Meeting this March 2022 under the provisions of NH RSA 32.

**ARTICLE 21.** By Petition, We shall remove the current superintendent as soon as possible. The new superintendent will make academic achievement in science, math, and English a first priority. This petition warrant article proposes to remove and replace the current superintendent. A new Superintendent will make academic achievement in science, math and English a first priority.

**Tara Tower made a motion, seconded by Judy Welch, to table Articles 16, 19, 20, and 21.**

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell noted a motion to table was not debatable. The Moderator explained voting yes on the motion to table would remove articles 16, 19, 20, and 21 from discussion and those articles would not be voted upon. The Moderator continued, to discuss and vote on these articles, vote no on this motion to table.

**The Moderator called for a voice vote to table Articles 16, 19, 20, and 21. Motion passed by voice vote with opposition.**

**ARTICLE 22.** By Petition, To see if the voters at the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District will vote to establish a Study Committee to investigate the options to best meet the needs of the students within our District. The scope of the study should include joining an existing SAU; forming a new SAU; dissolving our SAU and forming an academy, charter school, home school, Education Freedom Account model or some other recognized by the State of New Hampshire Board of Education to replace or augment our public school model as currently exists. The Study Committee should include opportunities for the public to offer suggestions and comments including those in their study as well as options and ideas the Study Committee find necessary to consider in order to make a recommendation that is not only an educational program that is in the best interest of our students, taxpayers and towns but that the District can administratively and fiscally sustain into the future. It should be the study committee's goal to report their findings in time for consideration of adoption and funding at the District Meeting March 2023. Membership on the Study Committee should include a broad representation of Lincoln and Woodstock including representation from both Lincoln and Woodstock Board of Selectmen; the School Board; school administrative staff; teachers; parents; tax payers and residents of Lincoln and Woodstock. The Study Committee should be afforded meeting space and zoom capabilities; and have the requirement to post meeting dates and times on the school website.

**Tara Tower made a motion, seconded by Judy Welch, to table Article 22. The Moderator called for a voice vote to table Article 22. The voice vote was not definitive. The Moderator called for a vote by a show of hands to table Article 22. The Motion passed by a show of hands with opposition.**

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell recessed the meeting at 8:54 PM to check on the counts of the secret ballot votes.

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell continued the meeting at 9:00 PM and announced the results of the secret ballot votes:

**ARTICLE 17: YES: 38 NO: 124 Article 17 failed by secret ballot vote.**

**ARTICLE 18: YES: 20 NO: 142 Article 18 failed by secret ballot vote.**

**ARTICLE 15: YES: 19 NO: 124 Article 15 failed by secret ballot vote.**

**Bonnie Ham made a motion, seconded by Jerry Stringham to reconsider the tabling of Article 22.**

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell explained to vote yes would take Article 22 off the table and allow discussion, while a no vote would indicate Article 22 would remain tabled.

**The Moderator called for a voice vote to take Article 22 off the table. Motion failed by voice vote and Article 22 remained tabled.**

**ARTICLE 23.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell recognized Principal, Mark Pribbernow.

Mark Pribbernow mentioned long time music teacher, Barbara Burhoe was retiring at the end of the school year. Mr. Pribbernow expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Burhoe's years of service and wished her luck in the future.

Mark Pribbernow noted that Ginny Everett would be leaving the District at the end of the school year. Mr. Pribbernow expressed his appreciation for Ms. Everett's years of service and wished her luck in the future.

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell expressed his appreciation to Barbara Burhoe and encouraged everyone to attend her last Elementary School concert on June 2 as the concerts are always enjoyable.

The Moderator recognized John Kimball.

John Kimball asked if copies of the School District Strategic Plan document, mentioned in the School District Annual Report, were available?

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell answered, the Strategic Plan document could be found on the School District's website.

The Moderator recognized Matt Manning.

Matt Manning noted it was nice to see the community back together. Mr. Manning noted the last couple of years have been difficult and challenging and it was nice to see smiling faces again.

The Moderator recognized Bonnie Ham.

Bonnie Ham asked to speak about Article 22.

The Moderator, Robert Wetherell reminded Mrs. Ham that Article 22 had been tabled twice and would not be discussed at the meeting.

At 9:07 PM Moderator Robert Wetherell called for a motion to dissolve the meeting.

**Tamra Ham made a motion, seconded by Jay Duguay to dissolve the meeting.** The Moderator noted that many people seconded the motion. **The Moderator called for a voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote and the meeting was dissolved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Holt  
School District Clerk

*Approved by School Board: April 6, 2022*