

**Moultonborough School District
Annual Meeting – March 15, 2007**

The annual meeting of the Moultonborough School District scheduled the 15th day of March, 2007, at 7:00 P.M at the Moultonborough Academy Auditorium was duly called to order by Moderator Richard Wakefield at 7 p.m. on that date.

The Moderator led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Moderator introduced the Staff Members, School Board Members, elected officials and others present on behalf of the School District. The School Board Members present were Chair Laurie Whitley, Vice-Chair Mark Borrin, Kathy Garry, Bill Blackadar and “Fox” Smith. The Staff Members present were Michael Lancor, Michele Miller, Louis Goscinski, Karen Peranelli and Attorney Ed Lawson. In the audience, the Moderator acknowledged the presence of John Fullerton, School District Treasurer and Jerry D. Hopkins, School District Clerk.

The Moderator yielded the floor to Chair Whitley and Superintendent Lancor who took a few minutes to honor MCS Principal Chele Miller who is retiring at the end of this school year after serving the students and community members of Moultonborough for 34 years.

Mike stated: “Chele begin her tenure in Moultonborough in 1973 when she was hired as a half-time grade 6 teacher and a half-time grade reading teacher. We believe Chele is the only employee of the District who was working at MCS before the District opened the doors of Moultonborough Academy in 1980. Chele taught 11 years at MCS before moving across Blake Road to teach at MA. She taught grades 7 & 8 English, and high school psychology and critical reading and writing for 11th and 12th graders.”

“In 1986 Chele moved back to MCS as guidance counselor and assistant principal. Three years later in 1989 Chele was asked to serve as acting principal at MCS for one year while the District searched for a new principal. Always on the ball, by January 1990 Chele earned certification as a principal and the rest is history. Chele has been the MCS principal for 18 years!”

“You may or may not know that Chele is also a certified bus driver! Many people have been caught off guard seeing a field trip bus pull out of MCS with Chele at the helm! Indeed, she is one of a kind and will be greatly missed by our staff, students, parents and School Board members.”

Laurie Whitley followed with: “The community of Moultonborough has long recognized that Chele is one of the premier elementary school principals in the state. Her recognition became state-wide last year when Chele was chosen to be the New Hampshire Environmental Educator of the Year. Chele has been instrumental in leading the MCS staff and students on a journey that has led to a deep appreciation for our environment, as well as the flora and fauna we share our time with on planet Earth.”

“To honor Chele, the District has established the Miller Environmental Education Fund, known as MEEF. This fund will support projects that can make a difference in how we enjoy and protect our environment. Private donations are being accepted for this fund, and this evening we will be voting on a warrant article to help support MEEF.”

“The District and PTA will be honoring Chele in a second way this coming Spring. Chele has been instrumental designing and planning the MCS Outdoor Education Classroom which will be constructed behind MCS. It will serve as an outdoor learning space for MCS students for years to come. The PTA and District will dedicate the outdoor classroom to Chele and it will be so noted with an environmentally appropriate plaque on the outdoor classroom.”

As a small showing of our appreciation, she presented Chele with a beautiful potted plant.

Chele received several standing ovations.

The Moderator announced the results of the 13 March 2005 Town election.

The Moderator announced the results of School District official ballot election on 13 March 2006.

School Board Member for Three Years:

Mark J. Borrin 794

Laurie Whitley 790

The Moderator declared the winners to be Laurie Whitley and Mark Borrin.

The Moderator announced that the petition Warrant Article on the School District Warrant for “Official Ballot Voting” (SB2) for the School District **failed**:

Yes: 441 44.2%

No: 557 55.8%

The Moderator read **Article I:**

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Moultonborough School Board and the Moultonborough School Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount of the prior year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2007-2008	\$ 283,445
2008-2009	\$ 263,306
2009-2010	\$ 270,513

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$283,445 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Mel Borrin moved, seconded by Ed Charest, for the School District to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Moultonborough School Board and the Moultonborough School Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount of the prior year:

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There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator began to read **Article II:**

Shall the Moultonborough School District, if Article I is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article I cost items only? (Majority vote required).

The Moderator declared this article to be moot as Article I had passed. There was no discussion. This article was passed over.

The Moderator read **Article III:**

To see if the School District will accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers as written in the annual report. (Majority vote required).

Steve Law moved, seconded by Betsy Patten, for the school district to accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers as written in the annual report.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator read **Article IV:**

To determine the compensation of the School Board, School District Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, School District Clerk and School District Moderator and to fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of this District. (This compensation is included in Article VI). (Majority vote required).

Chair Whitley moved, seconded by Mark Borrin, to set the compensation of the School Board Chair at \$850, School Board Members at \$800, School District Treasurer at \$515, Deputy Treasurer at \$50, and the School District Clerk and Moderator at \$103.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator read **Article V:**

To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to contract with a qualified independent auditing firm for the fiscal year financial audit in accordance with RSA 671:5 (Supp.) (Majority vote required).

Mel Borrin moved, seconded by Betsy Patten, to authorize the School Board to contract with a qualified independent auditing firm for the fiscal year financial audit in accordance with RSA 671:5 (Supp.).

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator read **Article VI:**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve million, seven hundred and sixty thousand, two hundred forty-nine dollars (\$12,760,249) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the School District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District, with revenues of up to \$50,000 coming from the unreserved fund balance. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Ken Greenbaum moved, seconded by Ed Charest, to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve million, seven hundred and sixty thousand, two hundred forty-nine dollars (\$12,760,249) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the School District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District, with revenues of up to \$50,000 coming from the unreserved fund balance.

In response to questions from Hollis Austin, the board and staff responded that we are experiencing a decline in student population with an average annual cost of over \$13,000 and that our class sizes range as follows: 15 students per class at MCS, 18 in the Middle School, and a range of 5 through 20 at the High School.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator read **Article VII:**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 to be placed in the buildings and grounds expendable trust fund previously established and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Mel Borrin moved, seconded by Dave Bengston, to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 to be placed in the buildings and grounds expendable trust fund previously established and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator read **Article VIII:**

To see if the School District of the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c to be known as the "Chele" Environmental Trust for the purpose of supporting students and educators in projects that make a difference for the environment. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to deposit in said fund and to designate the School Board as agents to expend. The School Board recommends this article. (By petition) (Majority vote required).

Among many Ken Greenbaum moved, seconded by Peter Whelley, to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c to be known as the "Chele" Environmental Trust for the purpose of supporting students and educators in projects that make a difference for the environment. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to deposit in said fund and to designate the School Board as agents to expend.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator read **Article IX:**

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Sally Carver, Supervisor of the Checklist, asked that all in attendance return their unused paper ballots to the Supervisors in an effort to save cost for next years election.

Mel Borrin praised the positive aspects of our Town Meeting form of government.

Steve Law moved, seconded by Joel Mudgett, to adjourn.

The motion passed by voice vote.

The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

The Supervisors of the Check List declared the voter attendance to be 102.

The following items are attached and are part of this record of the meeting:

School Election Warrant
School Warrant
2007-2008 Proposed School District Budget Information Packet

Given under my hand,
On 16 March 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry D. Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jerry D. Hopkins
School District Clerk