

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1975

Present: Chairman John E. Taft, William F. Toomey, and John C. Powers

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The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John E. Taft.

June 9, 1975 Special Town Meeting

Present: Alfred Cron, Phyllis Prager, Mary D'Andrea, Lawrence Ovian and Cornell Gray of the Sudbury School Committee; Lawrence Gogolin, Elizabeth Byars, Donald Bishop, and Ira Potell of the Finance Committee; Town Accountant, John Wilson

The Selectmen met to discuss their positions on the June 9, 1975 Special Town Meeting warrant articles.

Article 2 - Amend Bylaw Article IX, II, C, Industrial District #2 - It was agreed that the Board would speak as individuals on Article 2.

Article 3 - Sale of Tax Possession Property - The Executive Secretary reported that he had requested Mr. Abrahamson to attend tonight's meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Thompson reported that between the printing of the warrant and tonight's Special Town Meeting, Mr. Abrahamson had spoken with the Superintendent of the Sudbury Water District, who had agreed to and had run a water line along Great Lake Drive to service Mr. Abrahamson's house. Mr. Thompson reported that Mr. Abrahamson now has water, but is still interested in purchasing the two lots.

Discussion followed relative to the value placed on the two lots by the Board of Assessors and the two opinions of value which had been sought by the Board, and it was agreed to leave the "... not less than \$400 nor more than \$800..." figures in the article as printed in the warrant.

Mr. Bishop stated that he would like to have conditions, restricting the use of the lots, put in the article, and Chairman Taft responded that restrictions have been or will be included in the deed by Town Counsel.

Article 1 - Sudbury Schools 1974-75 Budget Supplement - Town Counsel had earlier submitted to the Board a memorandum dated June 4, 1975, which set forth his opinion that the School Committee requests for funds are protected, under Section G.L. c71, §34, only at the Annual Town Meeting under the annual budget request and that, if additional funding is deemed necessary or desirable by the School Committee, it must request the funds from either the Reserve Fund or from the Town at a Town Meeting.

Mrs. Prager reported that the School Committee had revised their appropriation request downward from \$104,000 to \$88,000 due to a total reduction of \$16,000 in a number of accounts. Mrs. Prager stated that the METCO expenses and reimbursement figures have been held by the School Committee as a separate account in their books and have not been included in the School Department's books nor figured in their May 8 balance statement or in the calculation of their deficit. Mrs. Prager stated that the School Department's business manager has been taking METCO expenses partly out of the principals' salary account and that the funds will be replaced upon receipt of METCO reimbursement.

The Town Accountant stated that this procedure was satisfactory and that the expenses have amounted to approximately \$30,000 -- \$10,200 for transportation and \$15,000 - \$20,000 for salaries and other administrative costs.

Mrs. Prager stated that \$28,387 has been expended to date for METCO expenses and that the account has an additional encumbrance of \$3,857.

In discussion of the Town Accountant's May 30, 1975 balance statement and the School Department's May 8, 1975 statement, Mr. Cron explained that the School Department's accounting system differs in time sequence with that of the Town Accountant, but that they can be reconciled.

The Board at its June 4 meeting with the School Committee had requested that the Committee supply the Board with per-day-operation costs vs. per-day loss in State aid. Mr. Cron reported that the per-day-operation cost is \$4,044 as opposed to a per-day loss of \$9,551 in State aid.

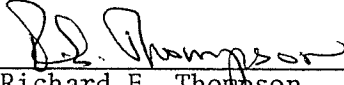
The Board had also requested that fuel consumption figures, as presented by the School Department, be verified. Mr. Wilson reported that 1974-75 fuel consumption figures had been compared to figures not for the 1973-74 season but for the 1972-73 season, before the energy crisis, and that 1974-75 consumption had actually been slightly above that for 1973-74.

Following discussion of the Board's position on Article 1, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that "0" funds be appropriated under Article 1 - Sudbury Schools 1974-75 Budget Supplement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:   
Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary/Clerk