



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 13, 2008

Fern Larochelle, Jr., At Large 2010
Charles Smith, At Large 2008
Michael Bowie, At Large 2009
Gina Mason, District 1 2010
Janet Henry, District 1 2009
Dale Crafts, District 2 2010
Norma Wells, District 2 2009

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Vice-Chair, Michael Bowie, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Police Department's conference room and waived the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Wells (arriving at 6:40 PM) Smith, Bowie, Mason, and Crafts. Councilor Larochelle was excused. Councilor Henry was not present for executive session. The Town Manager, Stephen Eldridge, was present also. There were no citizens in the audience at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (2008-71) Councilor Mason, seconded by Councilor Crafts moved to go into executive session at 6:31 PM per 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (D) to discuss labor negotiations. **Order passed - Vote 4-0.** The Vice-Chair dismissed the Council Secretary.

The Council came out of executive session at 6:55 PM. The Chair, Councilor Wells, reconvened the meeting at 7:02 PM in the public meeting room at the Town Office. Members present were Councilors Wells, Smith, Bowie, Mason, Henry, and Crafts. Councilor Larochelle was excused. Also present were Town Manager, Stephen Eldridge; David Brooks, Police Chief; Gerald Samson, Assessor/CEO; Dr. Shannon Welsh, School Superintendent; Traci Austin, School Committee Member; Deborah Danuski, School Committee Member; Prudence Grant, School Committee Member; Faye Ingersoll, School Committee Member; Janice Comber, School Committee Member; Richard Main, Budget Advisory Board Chairman; There were approximately twenty citizens in the audience.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SCHOOL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Welsh said the School Committee tried to put back in what the Council requested for \$180,000. She pointed out that the budget was short \$20,000 after adding back in music, art, foreign language, Ed-Techs, sports, and the Resource Officer. The School Committee made additional cuts totaling \$98,644; however, that still did not meet the Council's goal. She presented two budget scenarios: 1) the \$583,491 budget that offered a pay to play sports program and a part time music position, and 2) the \$563,491 budget that met the Council's goals, but required \$20,000 more. Dr. Welsh asked the Council to fund the additional \$20,000 needed to support the \$563,491 School Budget. Councilor Bowie said he was okay with that. Councilor Smith concurred, adding that he did not hear many residents complaining about the increased tax rate at the public hearings. Councilor Mason said she supported the pay to play sports program and said parents should be responsible for what their children do and that the Town should focus on the educational part.

B. MUNICIPAL BUDGET DISCUSSION & APPROVAL

Item taken out of order--see Adoption of Municipal Budget under Council Orders, Resolutions, & Ordinances.

COUNCIL ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD 2007-2008 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Item taken up after adoption of the 2008-2009 School Budget below.

ADOPTION OF 2008-2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Item taken up after Budget Transfers below.

ADOPTION OF 2008-2009 SCHOOL BUDGET

Councilor Wells read the following articles 1 through 16 for Council action:

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for Regular Instruction (Elementary and Secondary). (Recommend \$6,163,889)

VOTE (2008-74-1) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$6,163,889 for Regular Instruction (Elementary and Secondary). **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for Student and Staff Support (Guidance, Health, Library, Improvement of Instruction, Curriculum Coordinator, Technology System Administrator, Technology Funds and Curriculum Funds). (Recommend \$1,054,748)

VOTE (2008-74-2) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$1,054,748 for Student and Staff Support (Guidance, Health, Library, Improvement of Instruction, Curriculum Coordinator, Technology System Administrator, Technology Funds and Curriculum Funds). **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for Special Education (SPED and Gifted & Talented). (Recommend \$2,088,193)

VOTE (2008-74-3) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$2,088,193 for Special Education (SPED and Gifted & Talented). **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for Other Instruction (Co-Curricular). (Recommend \$346,834)

VOTE (2008-74-4) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$346,834 for Other Instruction (Co-Curricular). **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for All Other Expenditures (School Nutrition). (Recommend \$296,921)

VOTE (2008-74-5) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$296,921 for All Other Expenditures (School Nutrition). **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for System Administration (School Committee, Superintendent). (Recommend \$447,719)

VOTE (2008-74-6) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$447,719 for System Administration (School Committee, Superintendent). **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for School Administration (Principals). (Recommend \$766,851)

VOTE (2008-74-7) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$766,851 for School Administration (Principals). **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for Facilities Maintenance (Operation & Maintenance). (Recommend \$1,520,758)

VOTE (2008-74-8) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$1,520,758 for Facilities Maintenance (Operation & Maintenance). **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for Transportation and Buses. (Recommend \$736,313)

VOTE (2008-74-9) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$736,313 for Transportation and Buses. **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. (Recommend \$1,147,684)

VOTE (2008-74-10) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$1,147,684 for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$12,548,835), and to see what sum the council will raise as 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 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 (Recommend \$3,670,947).

"Explanation: 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 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."

VOTE (2008-74-11) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to appropriate \$12,548,835 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to raise \$3,670,947 as 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 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt services 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 Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. (Recommend 89,994)

"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 is not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body."

VOTE (2008-74-12) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to raise and appropriate \$89,994 for the annual payments on debt services 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 Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to raise and appropriate for in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,270,133**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$992,305** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$1,270,133** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$992,305**. The Essential Programs and Services (EPS) model does not fund the total cost of the Lisbon School Department's annual budget therefore the School Department has used **\$346,535** from the Undesignated Fund to help lower the impact to the Town of Lisbon. The Lisbon School Department is above EPS by **\$992,305** because of the lowering of the subsidy for System Administration, Operations & Maintenance, Special Education, and Transportation plus the additional costs for Co-Curricular and Salaries.

"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/district) budget for educational programs."

VOTE (2008-74-13) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to raise and appropriate **\$1,270,133** for in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$992,305** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee. **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Committee to expend 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. (**Recommend \$14,569,910**)

VOTE (2008-72-14) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to authorize the Lisbon School Committee to expend **\$14,569,910** 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. **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ADOPTION OF 2008-2009
LISBON ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to appropriate (Recommend \$73,085) for Adult Education and raise (Recommend \$73,338) as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

VOTE (2008-75-1) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to appropriate \$73,085 for Adult Education and raise \$73,338 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program. **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Council will authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend for Adult Education. (Recommend \$146,423)

VOTE (2008-75-2) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Bowie moved to authorize the Lisbon School Department to expend \$146,423 for Adult Education. **Order passed - Vote 4-2. (Against: Mason & Crafts)**

BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD 2007-2008 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Item taken out of order.

VOTE (2008-72) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve transfers for \$70,942 (see attached) as follows:

From the Following Accounts	To The Following Account
\$ 500 1021 General Assistance	\$ 500 1011 Elected Officials
\$ 20,000 1013 Insurance	\$ 20,000 1012 Town Manager
\$ 6,000 1014 Legal	\$ 6,000 1012 " "
\$ 2,000 1482 Teen Center	\$ 2,000 1012 " "
\$ 242 1021 General Assistance	\$ 242 1171 MMA
\$ 10,000 1200 Solid Waste	\$ 10,000 1370 Social Security
\$ 14,000 1320 Economic Development	\$ 14,000 1370 " "
\$ 1,000 1021 General Assistance	\$ 1,000 1370 " "
\$ 4,000 1040 Finance	\$ 4,000 1370 Contingency
\$ 2,400 1162 Town Engineer	\$ 2,400 1370 "
\$ 3,000 1350 MTM Building	\$ 3,000 1370 "
\$ 4,000 1380 MSRS	\$ 4,000 1370 "
\$ 3,800 1480 Recreation Department	\$ 3,800 1370 "

Order passed - Vote 6-0.

ADOPTION OF 2008-2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET*Item taken out of order.*

Mr. Eldridge said he had four different budget scenarios for the Council to consider:

- 1) A 4.3% municipal budget increase totaling \$7,455,855, including all bond initiatives,
- 2) A 3.8% municipal budget increase totaling \$7,416,664, with the \$25,000 MTM and Revaluation bond initiatives,
- 3) A 4.6% municipal budget increase totaling \$7,473,011 with the \$25,000 MTM and Revaluation bond initiatives, and
- 4) A 4.4% municipal budget increase totaling \$7,462,266, with no bond initiatives.

The Council discussed these four proposals. Councilor Bowie commented that although six volunteer Fire Fighter positions had been cut in the Fire Department budget, the Fire Chief could still fill them if needed and that the Council would find the money.

The Council supported the 3.8% municipal budget with an additional \$20,000 increase now totaling \$288,899 and requested that Mr. Eldridge rework the numbers to reflect the changes discussed. Councilor Bowie suggested tabling this item to the next meeting. The Council agreed to postpone adoption of the 2008-2009 municipal budget until their next meeting. Councilor Bowie requested a new budget with actual expenditures updated for the next meeting as well.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-76) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM.
Order passed - Vote 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

These minutes are not verbatim. Cassette tapes are filed in the Town Clerk's Office.