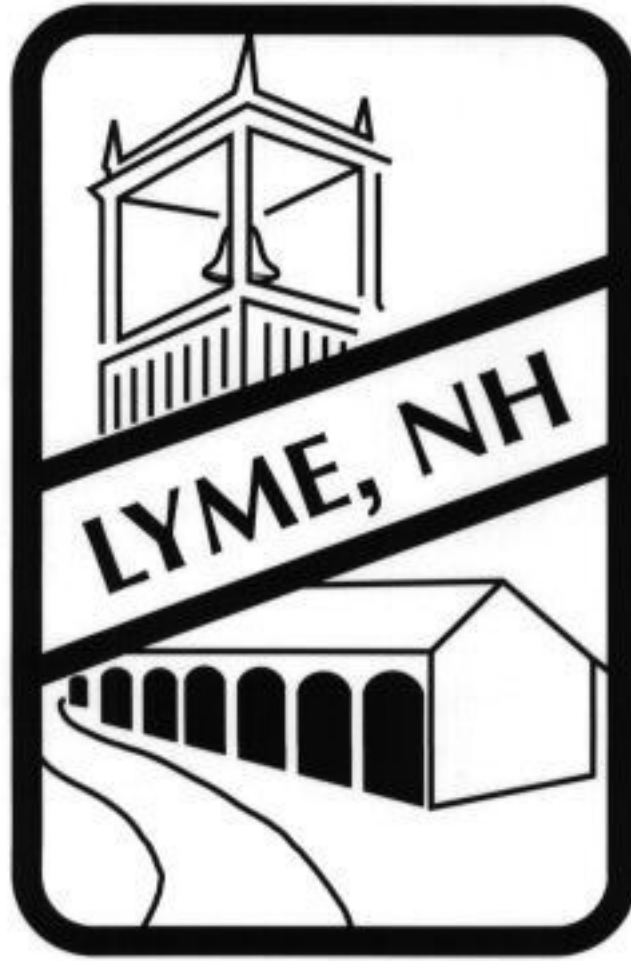


# **LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT**



## **MINUTES FOR MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> & MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 SCHOOL MEETINGS**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2008**

Moderator Bill Waste called this meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. in the Lyme School Community Gymnasium. Representing the Lyme School Board was: Peter Glenshaw, Chair, Mark Schiffman, Maggie Minnock, Kathleen McGowan, Dan Parish, Audrey Brown and Kevin Kerin.

Representing School Administration was: Jeffrey Valence, Principal and Gordon Schnare, Superintendent of Schools. Martha Rich, Headmaster of Thetford Academy was also in attendance. She and Gordon Schnare were offered *Voice without Vote* for purposes of communicating administrative and Thetford Academy issues at this meeting.

Moderator Waste welcomed Martha Rich and she spoke briefly about the happenings at Thetford Academy, the building project there and anticipated costs.

**ARTICLE 1.** To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto. The Moderator asked if there were any additions or correction to the School portion of the Town Report to be reported.

Patty Jenks noted that the picture shown on page 33 of the School Report was mislabeled as being the Lyme Plain School. Alfred Balch provided the picture and had asked that the location be corrected to be the Lyme Center School.

It should also be noted that the list of high school graduates was missing William Braasch Jr., who graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, with honors.

Maggie Minnock should have been noted as an attending School Board member at the 2007 School District Meeting in the 2007 School Board Minutes of the Town Report.

Peter Glenshaw offered a presentation to help explain accomplishments and the reasoning behind the budget amount being voted on. Highlights include but are not limited to:

- Completion of a five year strategic plan which addresses finances, curriculum and the relationship with the Lyme Town Library.
- Hiring of a differentiation coordinator and
- Recognition via one standardized test that the Lyme Elementary School was the best K-8 school in New Hampshire.
- Special Education caseload has dropped but costs have increased because needs required to meet individual cases have increased.
- Student population remains "steady".

--High School tuition costs will begin to increase as classes entering high school will be getting bigger.

--Non-salary costs have increased notably. Health care costs are better than have been in the past.

--We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a negotiated teacher's salary contract, which is based on Northeast Urban CPI.

--It costs approximately \$12,600/year per pupil to attend Lyme School (K-8, not including the high school). This is less than either Hanover or Lebanon.

--Property taxes are impacted by reduced revenues, and anticipated lower state taxes and catastrophic aid.

**ARTICLE 2.** Brian Cook made the motion that the District vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Four Million, Three Hundred Ninety-five Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$4,395,526) as an operating budget for the Lyme School District for the 2008 – 2009 school year, as submitted by the Budget Committee.

**Motion was SECONDED.**

The School Board and Superintendent of Schools Gordon Schnare fielded a variety of questions concerning the proposed budget.

**Article 2 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3.** Brian Cook made the motion that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to add to the High School Tuition Fund established at the Lyme School District Meeting on March 9, 1995, for funding high school tuition expenses. The school board and the budget committee recommend this appropriation.

**Motion was SECONDED**

**Article 3 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4.** Brian Cook made the motion to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the High School Tuition Fund, established at the Lyme School District Meeting on March 9, 1995, for funding high school tuition expenses, with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2008. The school board and the budget committee recommend this appropriation.

**Motion was SECONDED**

**Article 4 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 5.** Brian Cook made the motion to determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: School District Treasurer \$800.00; School District Clerk \$75.00; School District Moderator \$75.00. The amounts in this article are included in Article 2. The school board and the budget committee recommend this appropriation.

**Motion was SECONDED**

**Article 5 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Peter Glenshaw acknowledged and offered appreciation to all those who have contributed their time and interest toward serving as school district officers. In addition he invited and encouraged people to consider serving the school district as a School Board member or in another capacity as needed. He noted it's getting harder and harder to find people who have the time to commit to helping with these duties.

In addition he introduced all the current School Board Members and thanked out-going members Maggie Minnock and Kathleen McGowan. A round of applause was given to them for their considerable efforts during their term.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia G. Jenks  
School District Clerk

# **LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORD OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS MARCH 13, 2008**

To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, each to serve one year and three Members of the School Board, one to serve one year and two to serve three years.  
OFFICERS ELECTED

MODERATOR-One Year

Bill Waste

TREASURER-One Year

Dina Cutting

CLERK-One Year

Patricia G. Jenks

SCHOOL BOARD

One Year

Three Years

Tom Goodrich

Emily Dentzer

Mark Schiffman

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia G. Jenks, School District Clerk



**GRADES 1-8 AT THE LYME CENTER SCHOOL (CA 1953)**

(Photo: Greg Dimick Collection)