



TOWN OF CROYDON
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING SAU 99 MINUTES

SAU-99 District meeting held Saturday, 14, 2026.

Call to Order

Moderator Russell Edwards calls the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at the Croydon Fire Department

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

School Board members: Aaron McKeon, chair; Amanda Leslie, vice chair; Samantha Nelson, secretary. Moderator: Russ Edwards. SAU-99 Staff: Sue Blair, Senior Education Officer (SEO); Beth Bierwirth arrives at 2:05 p.m. Clerk: Kent Randell.

Article 01 Hear Reports of Agents

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

No discussion. Chair McKeon notes the reports will happen during discussion of further articles.

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Two Million Fifty-Eight Thousand, Thirty Dollars (\$2,058,030) 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. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Croydon School Board recommends this action. (Majority vote required.). Croydon School Board recommends this action.

Chair McKeon delivers a PowerPoint slide presentation.

Discussion: Jim Peschke has questions about estimated numbers, inflation adjustment, last year's renovation appropriation and timing of the bond. Jody Underwood questions office salary increase (Chair McKeon explains the 3% raise and keeping SEO during the transition to preschool). Hope Damon clarifies state advocacy grant funding. Kim McKinney questions why pre-school revenue is not in the budget (Chair McKeon clarifies that Pre-School will be \$200 per week with discounts based on income—only Croydon is eligible for a discount—Croydon residents have preference, and is not in the budget because the income has not yet been received).



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MOTION to call the question and cease debate made by B. Walker, Vice Chair Leslie seconds, motion to move the question passes by verbal yes/no vote.

Cloture

Motion passes with a verbal yes/no vote.

Article 03 Contribution to Capital Improvement Trust Fund

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, ETF, previously established. Recommended by the Croydon School Board. (Majority vote required.) Croydon School Board recommends this action.

MOTION to move the question by Chair McKeon, Secretary Nelson seconds

Discussion. Susan Edwards requests Expendable Trust Fund clarification.

MOTION to Amend by Jody Underwood to \$6,000. Jim Peschke seconds.

AMENDMENT fails with a verbal yes/no vote.

Cloture

Motion passes with a verbal yes/no vote.

Article 04 Contribution to Tuition Trust Fund

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Tuition Trust Fund, ETF previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Croydon School Board. (Majority vote required.)

Croydon School Board recommends this action.

MOTION to move the question by Chair McKeon, Vice Chair Leslie seconds

Discussion: Angie Beaulieu asks how much is in the fund currently (Chair McKeon notes it is currently at \$56,000 and trust fund allows for surprises and changes in school if a student goes to a more expensive school). Jody Underwood has a budget clarification.

Cloture

Motion passes with a verbal yes/no vote.



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Out of Order Discussion allowed when Don Poulin has a question concerning the need for two buses. Vice Chair Leslie and Chair McKeon clarifies that we are preventing getting caught without enough buses.

Article 05 Contribute to Special Education Trust Fund

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund, ETF, previously established. Recommended by the Croydon School Board. (Majority vote required.)

Croydon School Board recommends this action.

MOTION to move the question by Chair McKeon, Vice Chair Leslie seconds

Discussion: Kim Burkhamer requests a general clarification and explanation (Chair McKeon notes that it is related to unexpected special education costs, currently have 145K in the trust fund, our goal is 300K). Hope Damon clarifies that Federal government does not support states in accordance with its mandate. Lynne Touchette very much supports this article because it is impossible to have confidentiality in such a small village.

Cloture.

Motion passes with a verbal yes/no vote.

Article 06 Building Expansion

To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to expand the facilities of the Croydon Village School, with said expansion to be funded through monies received from grants and/or funds contained within the Capital Reserve Trust Fund, and to authorize the withdrawal of such funds by agents to expend as necessary, or take any other action relative thereto. Croydon School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Croydon School Board recommends this action.

MOTION to move the question by Chair McKeon, Vice Chair Leslie seconds

Discussion: Cathy Peschke asks if this could bring back other grades? (Chair McKeon notes that whether it will bring back other grades in further years it is not under current discussion, also that there is no match required for this federal appropriation. Vice Chair Leslie notes that no students would be recalled from elsewhere if grades are reintroduced). Jody Underwood asks why there are no figures in the warrant (Chair McKeon notes that there is no match attached to the appropriation). Jim Peschke notes it will lead to further costs and mentions that Sen. Shaheen's Office (the grantor) noted it was not unconditional and asks if it



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will reduce the historical character of the school and notes the town rejected a similar project last year. Kent Randell notes that there are methods to preserve the historical character (Chair McKeon clarifies that it will be a requirement of the grant).

MOTION to call the question and cease debate by Thomas Moore, Kim Burkhamer seconds, motion to move the question passes by verbal yes/no vote.

Cloture

Motion passes with a verbal yes/no vote.

Article 07 Open Enrollment

To see if the School District will vote to designate Croydon Village School as an open enrollment school to allow 0% (zero) students from outside the Croydon School District to attend Croydon Village School as provided in RSA 194-D:2 and :3 and limit the percentage of Croydon School District students who may attend open enrollment schools located outside the Croydon School District to zero. Croydon School Board recommends this action. (Majority vote required.) Croydon School Board recommends this action.

MOTION to move the question by Chair McKeon; seconded by Vice Chair Leslie.

Discussion: Vice Chair Leslie clarifies that this warrant article would have no effect on any tuition agreements. Jim Peschke notes New Hampshire legislature has a variety of bills and it may not be applicable under currently proposed bills (Chair McKeon notes the warrant article is being submitted pre-emptively in case the legislation does not pass, as many other districts have done). Jody Underwood asks if it effects Pre-K (Vice Chair Leslie notes that our existing open enrollment does not impact this). Hope Damon notes that about half of the school districts have passed a similar warrant, only two districts have open enrollment, and open enrollment will not be beneficial to Croydon. James Wicks has a private school clarification request (Chair McKeon notes that it will not effect private education).

Cloture

Motion passes with a verbal yes/no vote.

Article 08 Transact Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Croydon School Board recommends this action.

(Majority Vote Required)



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Discussion: Jody Underwood asks a clarification to Beth Bierwirth regarding SWEPT funds (Bierwirth notes we are approving the local education rate. The SWEPT amount is a state requirement).

MOTION to adjourn, made by Sue Edwards, seconded by Kim Burkhamer

Meeting Adjourned.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST.

Respectfully submitted,



Kent Randell, Clerk