

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

A special meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date at St. Croix #1 Firehouse, at 6:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Moore presiding over Councilors Nixon, Dwelley, Bernardini, Howard, and Parks.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Acting Superintendent of School, Ray Freve, introduced the newly appointed superintendent of schools, Keith Laser.

The first agenda item was to approve the return of votes cast at the School Budget Validation Referendum election held on August 27th. On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to approve the return of votes cast as follows:

INSERT RETURN OF VOTES CAST

At this point the Mayor announced that she would allow public comment and discussion on the School Budget. The first motion made, following much discussion, was by Councilor Nixon to give the \$90,000 that the City was holding for books and maintenance to the school to use as they wished. There was no second to this motion.

It was then moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Parks, and unanimously voted to give the \$40,000 being held for books to the School to be used at their discretion.

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon to re-designate from the following Capital Improvement Plan accounts to the Calais School Department for the fiscal year 2014 only:

Cemeteries	\$5,000
Fire Dept	\$79,400
Police Dept	\$27,800
City Building	\$13,000

There was no second to this motion.

Attendance

New Superintendent

Return of Votes Cast

School Department Budget

RETURN OF VOTES CAST – August 27, 2013 –SCHOOL BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the City of Calais, in the County of Washington, qualified by the Constitution to vote, said City, on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, the inhabitants gave their votes upon the following. The same were received, sorted, counted and declared in open meeting, by the City Clerk who presided and in the presence of the Deputy Clerk.

The total Number of Ballots cast: **289**

Special School Budget Validation Referendum

Question 1

“Do you favor approving the Calais School Administrative Unit Budget for the upcoming school year (2013-2014) that was approved by the Calais City Council at the Calais City Council meeting on August 8, 2013?”

YES = 118

NO = 171

BLANKS = 0

Marianne Moore
Chris Laporte
Billy
W. Parkes

Alan Duvell
Anne Pupa

Municipal Officer of Calais, Maine

Councilor Bernardini made a motion to set the School Department Budget at \$8,375,000. There was no second to this motion.

There was then more discussion on taking funds from the CIP. The Council directed the City Manager to meet with the City department heads to discuss their CIP Budgets and bring back a recommendation to the Council at a Special Meeting on September 10th at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Bernardini, seconded by Councilor Howard and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST: _____



Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk

Adjourn