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Schools Supporters Rebuffed on Revote

Carver School override supporters ignoring 3 consecutive failed override votes orchestrated a campaign for a fourth vote at the Tuesdays Selectmen's meeting.

Supporters with young children in tow packed the selectmen's meeting room in an attempt to force a fourth vote. Supporters placed young children with hand painted signs at strategic locations in the parking lot and throughout the meeting room. At times the room looked more like a day care center than a government meeting. After endless rehashing of ground covered in the previous three votes' selectmen defeated their request. Not surprisingly Ward, Angley and Hewins voted to ignore the previous three votes and put the override back on the ballot. Franey and O'Donnell opposed the revote. The proposal requires four yes votes to be placed on the ballot.

Hewins had the gall to state that the election results were "statistically insignificant" She gets fixcarvers dumbbell of the night award in spite of some pretty stiff competition. Elections are not estimates but absolute contests decided by ballot count. Ask President Gore or Selectmen Sinclair just how insignificant one vote can be.

School Committee Chairman Paula Kibbee, runner up for the dumbbell of the night, demonstrated disdain for the previous votes and complained bitterly about the consequences of failing to pass the override. Kibbee was clearly one of the leaders of this shameful display. She demonstrates an uncanny ability to irritate voters by questioning their judgment while insulting their intelligence.

As usual school supporters began their usual parade out of the meeting room after the vote. If it weren't for GPS most could not have located town hall much less the selectmen's meeting room. It's a sure vote you will never see any of them at selectmen's meeting again, so much for today's civics lesson.

At the conclusion of the meeting Selectmen O'Donnell proposed a compromise motion in hopes of bridging the divide by offering an option that would allow the school project to move forward with a much reduced tax contribution. The motion was defeated after the schools indicated they would not accept linkage of a debt exclusion and a tax override.

It is fitting that the final vote of the night was to reject an attempt by a NO supporter for compromise.