



Dresden

The inhabitants of the Regional School District of Dresden in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Regional School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Regional School District Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Time: 7AM - 7PM

Location: Hanover High School Gymnasium, 41 Lebanon Street, Hanover, NH and Tracy Hall, 300 Main Street, Norwich, VT

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 6, 2020, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Hanover High School Voting location, Hanover NH Town Hall, Etna NH Library, Marion Cross School (Norwich, VT), Norwich VT Town Hall, Norwich VT Library, Richmond Middle School (Hanover, NH) and the Ray School (Hanover, NH). A copy of an original was delivered to Deborah M Carter, District Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Neil Odell	Chair	
David Sobel	Vice Chair	
Thomas Candon	Member	
Kimberly Hartmann	Secretary	
Jonathan Hunt	Member	
Kelley Hersey	Member	
Richard Johnson	Member	
Benjamin Keeney	Member	
James Mackall	Member	
Kelly McConnell	Member	
Laure Morando-Rhim	Member	
Daniel Rockmore	Member	

**WARRANT FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
DRESDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Hanover, New Hampshire

Norwich, Vermont

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING WARRANT ARTICLES APPLY TO THE OPERATION OF THE DRESDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES THE OPERATION OF THE FRANCES C. RICHMOND SCHOOL AND HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 7-12, AND SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS FROM HANOVER WHO ARE TUITIONED TO THE FRANCES C. RICHMOND SCHOOL BY THE HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The legal voters of the Norwich (Vermont) Town School District and the legal voters of the Hanover (New Hampshire) School District are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

DISCUSSION PHASE: Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., at the Hanover High School Auditorium, Hanover, New Hampshire.

VOTING PHASE: Tuesday, March 3, 2020, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Hanover High School Gymnasium in Hanover, New Hampshire (for Hanover voters) and in Tracy Hall in Norwich, Vermont (for Norwich voters).

During the discussion phase, the voters shall have the opportunity to discuss the following Warrant Articles and to transact any non-substantive business that may legally be acted on during the discussion phase under Article 5.

All voting on Warrant Articles 1 through 4 shall be conducted by secret written ballot during the voting phase, as provided in the Dresden School District Procedures for Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect by written ballot for one-year terms a Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer; an auditor for a three-year term, an auditor for a two-year term, and an auditor for a one-year term.

Informational Notes: : The positions noted above are voted upon annually. Information on each position is available at the Superintendent's Office.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the District determine and fix the salaries of School District officers as follows: School Board members \$700 per member with an additional \$300 for the School Board Chair; School District Treasurer \$2,566; School District Clerk \$200; and School District Moderator \$200 in accordance with Article V-A of the NH/VT Interstate School Compact, and further raise and appropriate the amount of Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$11,667) to fund these salaries?

The School Board recommends this article.

Informational Notes: This article requests \$700 for the salary for School Board members, the same stipend as the last several years and an additional \$300 for the Board Chair. The

salaries of the School District Clerk and Moderator are unchanged; there is a small increase for the Treasurer. This article's effect on the tax rate is negligible.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the District raise and appropriate the amount of Twenty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred Ninety-two Thousand, Three Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$27,792,309) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the teachers and other school employees, school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year? This sum does not include the sums appropriated in any of the other articles.

The School Board recommends this article.

Informational Notes: As currently built including money for the officer salaries (Article 2), the Dresden School District Budget will increase \$849,953, or 3.15%. After accounting for a projected large increase in the 6th grade tuition, the amount to be assessed to the Hanover and Norwich districts for the 2020-21 budget as currently built is estimated to increase by \$424,840 or 2.04%. Since Dresden does not have its own tax rate, the tax rate impact of the Dresden budget is included within the tax rate estimates for the Hanover and Norwich districts and their respective budget documents. At this point, the total Hanover assessment is expected to be \$14,459,628, an increase of \$154,529, which is actually a 1.08% increase. The Average Daily Membership appropriation percentage calculation between the two districts has shifted 0.663% more towards Norwich from the prior year. The Norwich assessment is expected to be \$6,757,272, an increase of \$270,311, or a 4.17% increase.

While tax estimation is always hazardous, and a "tax rate" cannot be established for the Dresden District separately from the Hanover and Norwich tax rates, the potential tax rate increase for the Dresden portion of Hanover's tax rate is \$0.07; if the Special Petitioned Warrant Article [#4 below] passes it would add \$0.08 bringing Dresden's portion of the rate to \$0.15. The total potential estimated homestead tax rate increase for Norwich's tax rate including the Dresden Assessment is \$0.0453, with the Special Petitioned Warrant Article [#4 below] adding \$0.013 it would be projected at \$0.0583.

All these amounts are estimates. Actual revenue and assessment information will not be finalized until the state of Vermont sets various budgetary parameters as late as the spring of 2020, and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration finalizes assessment and tax rates for the districts in October of 2020.

ARTICLE 4 (by Petition): To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for the purpose of repairing the Dresden Baseball field to improve drainage and playability.

The School Board does not recommend this article.

Informational Notes: This is a petitioned article brought forth by signature of 30 registered Dresden [Hanover and Norwich] tax payers after research on alternatives was done by a group of concerned parents and coaches with some input from the newly hired Athletic Director. Expanded information (handouts and video) can be found on the BoardDocs website during the following Dresden meetings: Dec. 17, 2019 and Jan. 28, 2020. While the School Board and Administration are sympathetic to the challenges of the baseball program, after much discussion the Board felt the newly appointed/resurrected Athletic Advisory Committee needs a bit more time to work through all of the Districts needs and bring forth a prioritized list for future budgetary consideration. As mentioned above, if this article passes it would add \$170,381 to the Hanover portion of the Dresden assessment resulting in an additional \$0.08 and \$77,778 to the Norwich portion of the Dresden assessment resulting in an additional \$0.013 on the rate.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any non-substantive business that may legally come before the discussion phase of this meeting.

Ratified at the Dresden School District School Board Budget Hearing Meeting which started on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 and was recessed until Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Thomas Candon
Kimberly Hartmann, Secretary
Jonathan Hunt
Kelley Hersey
Richard Johnson
Benjamin Keeney

James Mackall
Kelly McConnell
Neil Odell, Chair
Lauren Morando Rhim
Daniel Rockmore
David Sobel, Vice Chair

DRESDEN SCHOOL BOARD
Deborah McLane Carter, Clerk
Dresden School District

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE
DRESDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

Deborah McLane Carter, School District Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and fill in the oval to the right of that person's name. To vote for or against a question on the ballot, fill in the oval in the Yes or No column to the right of the question.

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FOR DISTRICT MODERATOR:
Vote for not more than one

Thomas Csatari (Hanover)

Write-In _____

FOR DISTRICT CLERK:
Vote for not more than one

Write-In _____

FOR DISTRICT TREASURER:
Vote for not more than one

Cheryl A. Lindberg (Norwich)

Write-In _____

FOR DISTRICT AUDITOR (1 year):
Vote for not more than one

Write-In _____

FOR DISTRICT AUDITOR (2 years):
Vote for not more than one

Write-In _____

FOR DISTRICT AUDITOR (3 years):
Vote for not more than one

Write-In _____

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Yes No

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Turn over Sample Ballot for the completion of warrant articles

Yes No

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Yes No

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