

WARRANT FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DRESDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hanover, New Hampshire and 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 25, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., at the Hanover High School Auditorium, Hanover, New Hampshire. A virtual option will be available to attend via Zoom link and the information will be shared via the SAU70 District website at SAU70.org. The meeting will also be streamed on CATV.

VOTING PHASE: Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 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). **Absentee ballots will be available ahead of the in-person voting date.**

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 7.

All voting on Warrant Articles 1 through 6 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 two-year term and an auditor for a one-year term.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$842,764) for technology infrastructure upgrades at the Richmond Middle and Hanover High Schools? And further authorize the School Board to issue bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the NH-VT Interstate School Compact (Article VII) and to authorize the school Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon (majority vote required).

The School Board recommends this article.

NOTE 1. No payment will be due in the 2021-22 school year. We are pursuing ERate funding reimbursements and will return any unused funds to fund balance in order to offset tax assessments in the year(s) after funding is secured.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the District determine and fix the salaries of School District officers as follows: School Board members \$700 per member with additional \$300 for School Board Chair; School District Treasurer \$2,567; School District Clerk \$500; 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 Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$11,967) to fund these salaries?

The School Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the District vote to approve the cost items in the two (2) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Local #1348 of the AFSCME a/k/a Service Employees (including Custodial and Maintenance technicians) and the Dresden School Board, which calls for the following increases in service staff salaries and benefits:

	Estimated Increase
Year	Over status quo budget
2021-2022	\$18,513
2022-2023	\$25,517

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirteen Dollars (\$18,513), such sum representing the estimated increase in service staff salaries and benefits for the 2021-2022 fiscal year brought about by this collective bargaining agreement (majority vote required)?

The School Board recommends this article.

NOTE 1. The sum necessary to pay the so-called status quo salaries and benefits for service staff if this article is defeated is included in the operating budget in Article 5.

NOTE 2. A favorable vote on this article shall be considered the approval of the cost items in both years (2) of the proposed collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the District raise and appropriate the amount of Twenty-Eight Million, One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$28,174,181), 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 2021-22 fiscal year? This sum does not include the sums appropriated in any of the other articles.

The School Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Dresden School District vote to amend its Articles of Agreement, specifically Article (D), effective as of the 2022-2023 school year to read as follows:

D. The Dresden School District shall be responsible for grades 7-12 inclusive, provided, however, that Dresden School District shall be responsible additionally for grade 6 upon the affirmative vote of a member school district designating Dresden School District as the exclusive provider of sixth grade educational services to the students of such member school district which designation shall become effective no earlier than the fiscal year following the next annual meeting, or such later date as the Dresden School Board determines in its discretion is necessary to permit the construction of any capital improvements to accommodate the projected additional students. Such designation shall be conditioned upon the member district contributing its equitable share of the capital, as determined by the Dresden School Board, for incremental grade 6 building costs. If such contribution is not made, such designation shall be deemed to have been made on a space available rather than exclusive basis.

The Dresden School District may operate schools for grades other than grades 7-12 for students received on a tuition basis. No tuition students shall be received from the Norwich and Hanover School Districts by the Dresden School District except pursuant to a tuition contract approved by the receiving and sending districts.

[New material underlined; majority vote required]

The School Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any non-substantive business that may legally come before the discussion phase of this meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the District this 12th day of January 2021 (Articles 1-5) and this 20th day of January 2021 (Article 6).

Tom Candon
Marcela Di Blasi
Jonathan Hunt
Rick Johnson
Kelly McConnell
Garrett Palm

Lisa Christie
Kimberly Hartmann
Kelley Hersey
Benjamin Keeney
Neil Odell
Dan Rockmore

DRESDEN SCHOOL BOARD
DRESDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Deborah M. Carter, Clerk
Dresden School District

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