

**WARRANT ARTICLES FOR THE
2021 HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Hanover (NH) 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., **location and mechanics of participation will be forthcoming.**

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. **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 8.

ARTICLE 1: To elect by written ballot for one-year terms a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer; and three School Board members for three year terms.

The positions noted above are voted on annually. The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the Hanover section of the annual report. Information on each position is available in the Superintendent's office.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$245,334) for technology infrastructure upgrades at the Bernice Ray Elementary School? 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) to authorize the school Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

(The School Board recommends this appropriation/bond issue.)

NOTE 1. No payment will be due in the 2021-2022 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 appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) from the Don S. Bridgman Fund during the 2021-2022 fiscal year in order to afford additional advantages to the students of the District not provided by taxes?

(The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

NOTE 1. In his will dated January 20, 1917, Don S. Bridgman left a portion of his estate to what is now the Hanover School District. These monies are known as the Bridgman Fund and are currently invested to provide a stream of income for years to come. Expenditures from the fund are used for projects that would not be covered in the school's regular operating budget. Monies are taken only from the Bridgman Trust Fund, so this appropriation has no effect on the tax rate.

ARTICLE 4: 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 \$1,916; School District Clerk \$150; and School District Moderator \$150, in accordance with RSA 194:10, and further raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixteen Dollars (\$7,416) to fund these salaries?

NOTE 1. This article requests \$700 as the salary for School Board members, the same stipend as last year. The salaries for School District Clerk and Moderator remain unchanged, there is a small increase for the Treasurer position. This article's effect on the tax rate is negligible.

Articles are in Draft Format until Voted by the School Board on Weds., Jan. 13 2021

ARTICLE 5: 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 | \$xx,xxx |
| 2022-2023 | \$xx,xxx |

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of **Dollars (\$xx,xxx)**, 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?
(The School Board recommends this article.)

Please note the amounts will be filled in once the Union and Board has ratified the agreement on Jan. 11 and Jan. 12, 2021.

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 6.

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 6: Shall the District raise and appropriate the amount of Fifteen Million, Six Hundred Seven, One Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$15,607,131) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for teachers and other school employees, and School District officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2021-2022 fiscal year? This sum does not include the funds appropriated in any of the other articles. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Hanover School District vote to designate the Dresden School District as the exclusive provider of sixth grade educational services to its students, effective for the 2022-2023 school year; said vote being subject to a final vote by the Dresden School District at its 2021 Annual meeting to amend its Articles of Agreement to allow for the provision of sixth grade educational services to member school districts.
(The School Board recommends this designation.)

ARTICLE 8: To transact any non-substantive business that may legally come before the discussion phase of this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Hanover the 13th day of January 2021.

Marcela Di Blasi

Kimberly Hartmann

Jonathan Hunt, Vice Chair

Rick Johnson, Chair

Benjamin Keeney

Kelly McConnell

Dan Rockmore

HANOVER SCHOOL BOARD

Robert L. Grabill, Clerk
Hanover School District