

**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 6:00 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. **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 9.

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 vote to 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? With the sum of \$245,334 to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto (3/5's ballot vote required)?

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?

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

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.

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	\$2,106
2022-2023	\$2,987

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand, One Hundred and Six Dollars (\$2,106), 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 and appropriation.

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 see if the school district will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4- b, II. (Majority vote required)?

The School Board recommends this authorization.

ARTICLE 9: 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 and 20th day of January 2021.

Marcela Di Blasi
Jonathan Hunt, Vice Chair

Kimberly Hartmann
Rick Johnson, Chair

Benjamin Keeney
Dan Rockmore

Kelly McConnell

HANOVER SCHOOL BOARD

Robert L. Grabill, Clerk
Hanover School District