

Merrimack School District School District Warrant

March 8, 2018 (Deliberation)
and April 10, 2018 (Voting)
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Merrimack, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the James Masticola Upper Elementary School in said District on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for Session 1 (Deliberation), to discuss the matters to be voted on by official ballot; and to meet at the designated polling sites, James Masticola Upper Elementary School, Merrimack Middle School, or St. John Neumann Church on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, Session 2 (Voting) for the choice of School District officers elected by ballot and any other action required to be inserted on said official ballot. The polls for the election of school district officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 a.m. and will not close earlier than 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1 To elect all necessary school district officers for the ensuing year. (Vote by Ballot.)

ARTICLE 2 Shall the Merrimack School Board be authorized to accept on behalf of the District, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of personal or real property which may become available to the District during the fiscal year? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0).

ARTICLE 3 Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack School Board and the Merrimack Educational Support Staff Association which calls for the following net increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

| Year | Estimated Amount |
|-----------|------------------|
| 2018-2019 | \$245,594 |
| 2019-2020 | \$249,883 |
| 2020-2021 | \$262,199 |

and further raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$245,594) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 8-0-1).

ARTICLE 4 Shall the District, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0).

ARTICLE 5 (Special Warrant Article) Shall the District raise and appropriate an amount up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000), said sum not to exceed Ten percent (10%) of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2017-2018 and to transfer that amount to the School District Repair Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of providing unanticipated and/or emergency repairs to all school district facilities? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 9-0-0).

ARTICLE 6 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$214,826) for the purpose of pavement reconstruction at Thorntons Ferry Elementary School to include the bus loop in front of the school and the lower parking lot? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 9-0-0).

ARTICLE 7 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) for the purpose of purchasing one certain tract or parcel of land of approximately .680 acres more or less with the building thereon known as 1 Brentwood Drive, Merrimack, New Hampshire as described in the Town of Merrimack Assessing Records as Parcel ID 005D-4 00013 000000 currently owned by the Southeastern Regional Educational Service Center? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 7-2-0).

ARTICLE 8 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$878,450) to implement Full-Day Public Kindergarten in the three elementary schools, such sum to include (\$808,901) in additional salaries and benefits, and (\$69,549) for the original equipping of additional public kindergarten classrooms? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 8-0-1).

Note: If adopted, the cost of salaries and associated benefits will be included in the operating budget in future years.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$74,817,416? (Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$75,153,005 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only)? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 4-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 8-0-1).