

Merrimack School District School District Warrant

March 3, 2020 (Deliberation)
and April 14, 2020 (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 Mastricola Upper Elementary School in said District on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 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 Mastricola Upper Elementary School, Merrimack Middle School, or St. John Neumann Church on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 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 (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 fiscal year 2019-2020 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: 4-1-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 7-0-0).

ARTICLE 4 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$265,000) for the purpose of Window Replacement at Merrimack High School that were original to the 1970 addition and have cracked seals and manual locking systems that are not operational? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 7-0-0).

ARTICLE 5 Shall the district raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$82,500) for the purpose of hiring an engineer to collaborate with the public in open community forums designed to develop a Master Plan Study to include a series of options for the use of Merrimack High School property and school district property along O’Gara Drive focused on optimizing student and staff parking, promoting citizen safety, considering placement of office space, improving traffic flow, analyzing/optimizing field space resulting in the selection of a community driven comprehensive plan for the reconfiguration/redesign of this site? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 7-0-0).

ARTICLE 6 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) for the purpose of Replacing the Bleachers in the Smith Gym that are original to James Masticola Upper Elementary School and are not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 7-0-0).

ARTICLE 7 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 \$80,111,563? (Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$80,264,413 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: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 8-0-0).

ARTICLE 8 (By Petition) Shall the Merrimack School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the primary purpose to raze the building known as the former Brentwood school (a.k.a., the Red building) and to return the site back to a usable condition with appropriate fill, compaction and spread gravel to allow for temporary additional parking? Further, to appoint the Merrimack School Board as agents to expend. (Majority vote required). (Not Recommended by the School Board Vote: 3-1-1). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 6-1-0).