

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL WINCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WINCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2017

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:

B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

**To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL**

**SCHOOL BOARD VOTE FOR TWO THREE YEAR TERM:**

KEVIN BAZAN

BEN KILANSKI

NICOLE PELKEY

**SCHOOL BOARD VOTE FOR ONE ONE YEAR TERM:**

VALERIE S. COLE

KIM N. GORDON

JACK MARSH, JR

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR VOTE FOR ONE TWO YEAR TERM:**

HENRY A.L. PARKHURST

KEVAN WHIPPIE

**ARTICLE TWO:** Shall the Winchester School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the 2017-18 school year, 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 **\$11,270,287**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$11,274,408.**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Winchester School 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?

- **The School Board does recommend this appropriation**
- **The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation**

Yes    No

**ARTICLE THREE:** Shall the Winchester School District vote to approve the cost items included in the two year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Winchester School Board and the Winchester’s Teacher Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing?

The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits (Social Security and NH Retirement System) under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

<u>YEAR 2017-18</u>	
Wages	\$ 73,915
Benefits (Social Security & NH Retirement System)	<u>10,359</u>
Total	\$ <u>84,274</u>
<u>YEAR 2018-19</u>	
Wages	\$ 79,080
Benefits (Social Security & NH Retirement System)	<u>8,651</u>
Total	\$ <u>87,731</u>

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 84,274.** for the upcoming 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 current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement?

- **The School Board does recommend this appropriation**
- **The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation**

Yes    No

**ARTICLE FOUR:** Shall the Winchester School District, if article #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #3 only? (Majority vote)

Yes    No

**ARTICLE FIVE:** Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$25,000** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2017 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017?

- **The School Board does recommend this appropriation.**
- **The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation**

**Yes            No**

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if the Winchester 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. Such fund balance retained may only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergencies to be approved by the Department of Education under RSA 32:11.

- **The School Board does recommend this article**

**Yes            No**

**ARTICLE SEVEN:** Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$84,000** to be placed in the Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Majority vote required).

- **The School Board does recommend this appropriation**
- **The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation**

**Yes            No**

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** Shall the Winchester School District receive the reports of its agents, auditors, committees and officers?

**Yes            No**

**ARTICLE NINE:** Shall the Winchester School District vote to transact any other business as may lawfully come before the meeting?

**Yes            No**