

FIRST VERSION: FOR THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION FEBRUARY 9, 2017

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WINCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 14, 2017

To the inhabitants of the Town of Winchester in the County of Cheshire and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in school affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Winchester School Gymnasium at 7:00 PM on Thursday February 9, 2017, to consider the following articles in deliberative session, pursuant to RSA 40:13, The official voting of the business of the School District as determined at the deliberative session and the election of School District Officers will be held at the Winchester Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 with the polls open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE ONE: To elect two (2) members to the School Board for a three (3) year term
To elect one (1) member to the School Board for a one (1) year term
To elect one (1) School District Moderator for a two (2) year term

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 **\$11,551,287**. 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**

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>

YEAR 2018-19

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**

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)

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**

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**





ARTICLE SEVEN: Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,000** 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 not recommend this appropriation**

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

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

Given under our hands at said Winchester, this 19 th day of January, 2017

Kevin Bazan	
Lindseigh Picard	
Trevor Croteau	
Heather Griffus	
Steven Thompson	