

## **Article 00 Candidates:**

Warrant Article Created By: School Board

Article Ready For: Town Meeting Session II (Election)

Location: Winnacunnet High School

Date and Time: March 10, 2019 7:00am through 8:00pm

Rational Taxpayer's policy is to take no position on uncompetitive seats. No position is also taken when no difference of compelling distinction has been determined among the candidates for a given office.

Voting for School District officers consisting of: One School Board Member for the ensuing three years (terms expiring 2023).

## **Article 01 Budget:**

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Rational Taxpayer's Recommends Voting No

Operating Budget of \$23,789,112 is over \$200,000 more than last year's budget and almost \$100,000 more than this year's Default budget. The budget has increased by \$3.7 million or 19% over the past 5 years, despite declining student enrollments.

Shall the School 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 \$23,789,112? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$23,703,302, 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 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-0.

Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles.

## **Article 02 Union Contract Seacoast Educational Association:**

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The total cost increase of this contract is \$4.6 million over four years; this increase is 86% greater than the increase in the last contract, which had a four-year cost increase of \$2.5 million. It has an average annual cola of 2.5% on top of 3.75% step increases every year for a teacher's first 12 years, compounding for annual increases of over 6%.

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton School Board and the Seacoast Educational Association covering the four year period from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year.

Year:	Estimated Increase:
2020-21	\$ 433,336
2021-22	\$ 469,392
2022-23	\$ 483,817
2023-24	\$ 493,033

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$433,336 for the 2020-21 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? (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the School Board 4-0-1.

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-0-1.

## Article 03 \$300,000 for Maintenance, Repair and Modernization:

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Rational Taxpayer's Recommends Voting No

This amount should have been reduced, as there is no maintenance required at Hampton Academy due to the \$26 million renovation. It appears that SAU90 will ask for \$300,000 a year forever until the voters say NO. Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to continue long term maintenance, repair and modernization work to include technical and/or engineering services at Hampton's Marston and Centre school buildings and grounds? This article is a continuation of an annual program planned to keep the buildings updated and in good condition, thereby protecting the taxpayer's investment. Projects planned for 2020-22 are listed below. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until these projects are completed or June 30, 2022, whichever is earlier? (Majority vote required.)

- Recommended by the School Board 5-0-0.
- Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-0.

CENTRE SCHOOL Modernization of 1991 passenger elevator \$ 100,000 LED lighting upgrades (phased) 28,000 Remove oil tank 1980 35,000 Replace original classroom sinks and countertops (phased) 20,000 \$ 183,000

### MARSTON SCHOOL

ADA improvements (district-wide)	\$5,000
LED lighting upgrades (phased)	28,000
Remove oil tank 1980	35,000
Replace original classroom sinks and countertops (phased)	19,000
Replace door 3rd grade wing	4,900
Modify 3rd grade wing ada accesses (drainage)	2,600
Replace Library window blinds 1996	2,500
Security Doors at SAU	20,000
Total	<b>\$117,000</b>

### CENTRE SCHOOL

Modernization of 1991 passenger elevator	\$100,000
LED lighting upgrades (phased)	28,000
Remove oil tank 1980	35,000
Replace original classroom sinks and countertops (phased)	20,000
Total	<b>\$183,000</b>

## **Article 04 \$43,975 to Sacred Heart School:**

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Rational Taxpayer's recommends voting Yes

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate funds in the amount of \$43,975 to provide child benefit services, in accordance with RSA 189:49, for students who are residents of the Hampton School District and attend Sacred Heart School located in Hampton, New Hampshire? BY PETITION. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the School Board 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-0.