

## **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 consists of choosing: One School Board Member, a resident of Hampton Falls, for the ensuing three years. One School Board Member, a resident of Seabrook, for the ensuing three years. One School Board Member, a resident of Seabrook, for the ensuing three years. One School Board Member, a resident of Hampton, Hampton Falls, North Hampton or Seabrook, for the ensuing year.

Voting for budget committee members consists of choosing: One Budget Committee Member, a resident of Hampton Falls, for the ensuing three years. One Budget Committee Member, a resident of Seabrook, for the ensuing three years.

## **Article 01 Budget:**

Warrant Article Created By: School Board

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Rational Taxpayer's Recommends Voting No

Operating budget of \$28,569,586 is over \$1.3 million more than last year's budget and almost \$200,000 more than this year's Default budget. Student enrollments levels reflect a negative trend.

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 \$28,569,586? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$28,389,340 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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. (Majority vote required.)

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

Recommended by the School Board: 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0

**Article 02 Union Contract: Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association:**

Warrant Article Created By: School Board

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Rational Taxpayer's recommends voting Yes

The increase is reasonable.

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Winnacunnet School Board and the Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the proposed staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Health Insurance Increase (+ Salary Driven Benefits)	TOTAL Estimated Cost
2020-21	\$13,143      \$ 0	\$13,143
2021-22	\$13,311              \$ 0	\$13,311
2022-23	\$ 6,670      \$ 0	\$ 6,670
2023-24	\$ 6,770      \$ 0	\$ 6,770

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,143 for the 2020-21 school 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 proposed staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the School Board: 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0

Note: In order for this article to be adopted, it must be approved by the voters of the school districts of Hampton Falls, North Hampton, Seabrook, South Hampton and the voters of the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District (which includes Hampton voters).

## **Article 03 HVAC Upgrades:**

Warrant Article Created By: School Board

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Location: Winnacunnet High School

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

Rational Taxpayer's Recommends Voting Yes

This is part of an ongoing preventative maintenance plan.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$231,910 to continue the HVAC replacement project at Winnacunnet High School ? This project is part of the facility plan adopted by the school board. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or June 30, 2022, whichever is earlier. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the School Board: 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0

## **Article 04 Auditorium Sound System Replacement:**

Warrant Article Created By: School Board

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Location: Winnacunnet High School

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

Rational Taxpayer's Recommends Voting No

Nice, but not necessary.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 to replace the auditorium sound system. The current system is not fully functional and is undersized for the space and design of the auditorium. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or June 30, 2022, whichever is earlier. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the School Board: 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0

## **Article 05 Special Education Expendable Trust:**

Warrant Article Created By: School Board

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Location: Winnacunnet High School

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

Rational Taxpayer's Recommends Voting Yes

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to be added to the existing Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with up to \$75,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the School Board: 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0

## **Article 06 Healthcare Expendable Trust Fund:**

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 Recommends Voting No

This is an unnecessary fund.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to be added to the existing Health Care Expendable Trust Fund, with up to \$75,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the School Board: 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0

## **Article 07 Citizen's Petition Article - Sanctuary Cities:**

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 has No Position

To see whether police officers shall be permitted to enforce federal immigration laws, comply with immigration detainer requests, or contact federal immigration authorities to conduct a background investigation on anyone arrested on evidence of any other crime. No school district nor town official shall establish "Sanctuary Cities" policies that prevent immigration laws from being enforced by any police officer nor federal immigration officer in the performance of their job. Four towns, Cheshire County, and the City of Manchester have enacted "Sanctuary City" policies for illegal immigrants without notifying the general public beforehand. A Yes vote is to stop our communities from being turned into Sanctuary Cities." CITIZEN'S PETITION by 25 or more registered voters of the Winnacunnet School District. (Majority vote required.)