

**The State of New Hampshire**  
**Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District**  
**SCHOOL WARRANT**  
**2016**

The 2016 Deliberative Session opened at 7:02pm on Monday, February 1, 2016 with Moderator Russell Galpin leading the Pledge of Allegiance and introducing the following: School Board members Nancy Egner, Steve Hahn, Chair Rich Pelletier, Paul Plater and Ginks Leiby; Business Administrator Jean Mogan, School Attorney Ed Kaplan; High School representative Meredith Denu, and Clerk, Joyce Bosse. He also explained the rules of the meeting and asked that people use the microphone so all can hear the questions. Articles 1 and 2 will be voted on at the polls on March 8.

ARTICLE 1. Election of Officers: To choose by nonpartisan ballot the following School District officials:  
One School Board Member At Large for a three year term  
One School Board Member from Deering for a three year term  
One Moderator for a one year term

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District set the salaries of the School Board and compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as printed in the 2016-2017 Budget?

School Board Chair	\$1,800
School Board Members	\$1,000 each
School Treasurer	\$3,400
District Clerk	\$100 per meeting
Moderator	\$90 per year
Ballot Clerks	\$10 each per voting session

*Recommended by the School Board*

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$21,005,677 (twenty one million five thousand six hundred seventy seven dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$22,311,827 (twenty two million three hundred eleven thousand eight hundred twenty seven dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law; or the School District 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.(Funding the operating budget for 2016-2017 but does not include appropriations in other warrant articles, except Article #2)

**Rich Pelletier moved to amend this article by a \$445,000 reduction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hahn by submitting a written amendment. Steve presented the amended budget amount explaining that an out-of-district placement for one student will not be necessary and they've recalculated the fuel contract for a savings of \$30,000. John Segedy questioned the amount of the fuel reduction, saying that it should have been more. The amendment passed with a voice vote. John Segedy and Mary Lou Lannon presented a written amendment to further reduce the budget by \$60,000 (\$20,500,677). Mary Plater asked about the fuel prices. Carmyn Young questioned whether or not the District pre-paid. Jean Mogan responded that we have a contract that starts in April or May for 8-10 months. The amendment was defeated with a voice vote. Nancy Egner motioned that we restrict reconsideration of Article 3, John Segedy 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District raise and appropriate \$1,755,500 for the support of school projects as follows: \$646,000 (six hundred and forty six thousand dollars) for Food Service and, \$1,109,500 (one million one hundred nine thousand five hundred dollars) for Federal and State

projects? Such sum to be offset by school lunch sales and State and Federal grants. Majority vote required. **No discussion.**

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Hillsboro Deering School District adopt a School Administrative Unit budget of \$1,020,109 (One million twenty thousand one hundred nine dollars) for the forthcoming fiscal year in which \$811,866 (eight hundred eleven thousand eight hundred sixty six dollars) is assigned to the school budget of this district? This year's alternative budget of \$1,017,045 (one million seventeen thousand forty five dollars) for the forthcoming fiscal year in which \$809,275 (eight hundred nine thousand two hundred seventy five dollars) is assigned to the school budget of the district, will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all school district voters in the School Administrative Unit. **No discussion.**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hillsboro Deering School Board and the Hillsboro-Deering Federation of Teachers (AFT Local #2348) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2016-2017	\$163,286
2017-2018	\$173,420
2018-2019	\$184,298

And further to raise and appropriate 163,286 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the most recent collective bargaining agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required) **Steve Hahn explained the teacher's contract and the changes from the previous contract.**

ARTICLE 7. Shall the School District, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only? **No discussion.**

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to establish a School Building Roofs Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of replacing and repairing school roofs and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the fund; further to name the School Board as agents to expend from the fund. **Rich Pelletier presented the article. Carmyn Young asked why do we need a Trust fund. Rich explained that the current maintenance trust is for emergencies only. This is a fund which is pro-active and for only roofs.**

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to establish a School Pavement Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of replacing and repairing school paving and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the fund; further to name the School Board as agents to expend from the fund. **Rich explained since paving is expensive and by creating a trust with something each year it will keep the tax rate from wide swings.**

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$100,000 (one hundred thousand) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2016 unassigned fund balance available for transfer after July 1, 2016. **Nancy Egner explained that this is a current fund and we add to it in the event that we have an unexpected Special Education need. John Segedy presented an amendment to reduce the amount to \$10,000. Michael Mousse 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion failed by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters of Hillsboro-Deering School District 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% of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. The retained fund balance may only be used to reduce the tax rate or as a revenue source for emergency

expenditures and over expenditures RSA 32:11. This retained fund balance is not cumulative.

**Presented by Nancy Egner. No discussion**

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District accept the reports of agents, committees and officers chosen as printed in the Annual Report? **No discussion.**

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be spent in support of the currently existing, privately funded Redhawks Co-op football team. This appropriation is to be taken from the raised general appropriation (proposed or default), is not an addition to said operating budget and is contingent upon the Hopkinton School District contributing an equal amount. It is understood that failure of this warrant article to pass shall not affect the right of the Redhawks to continue to operate on an affiliated but privately funded basis. It is further understood that at the discretion of the School Board the amount of \$7,000 will be included in the HDSD budget for the next three fiscal years and thereafter the combined amount spent by the H-D District may be raised no more than 10% in a year and at no point shall it be greater than that spent on any other H-D sanctioned sport. (By petition) **Presented by John Segedy....Leigh Bosse spoke against this article, Joan Lachute spoke against spending money for football...Rich Pelletier said that the money is in the budget and doesn't believe that this is a legal warrant article..Arlene Johns spoke again having the football money in the budget...Tom McClure stated that he believed that the taxpayers should have a say...Mark Rodier spoke for the Red Hawks and that parents do fund-raising...John Bramley questioned why football should have a warrant article. Terry Cutter was concerned about the precedent of supplementing a privately funded program...Vicky Wheeler said it was a good programs, asked who pays for the insurance and would there still be football if this article is defeated...Superintendent Hassett said that the team practices here and plays their games in Hopkinton.**

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 (gross budget) for the moving and affiliated construction, site-work and equipping of the District's existing modular classroom buildings for use by the Hillsboro-Deering high School Alternative Program.

This article is intended as an alternative to the proposal for a new building and not as an addition to it. If both proposals pass only the one with the higher affirmative vote count shall be enacted.

If the second paragraph of this article shall be determined invalid by NH Courts it shall be severed after approval without effecting the validity of the first paragraph. (By petition) **John Segedy spoke and said that ~~there~~ the 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of the article is no longer valid as there is no proposal for a new building for the Alternative School.**

Moderator Galpin closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce Bosse, Hillsboro-Deering School District Clerk