

**The State of New Hampshire
Town of Hinsdale
School District Warrant**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hinsdale qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hinsdale Millstream Community Center on Tuesday the 8th day of March, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects:

ELECTION WARRANT:

Ballot: To cast your ballot for all necessary school district officers
2,477 Registered voters- 431 votes' cast- 17.4% turnout

School Board for three years vote for one:

James M. O'Malley 382 votes **Declared Elected**

Moderator of the District for three years vote for one:

Richard S. Johnson Jr. 402 votes **Declared Elected**

Clerk of the District for three years vote for one:

Ann Marie Diorio 370 votes **Declared Elected**

Treasurer of the District vote for one for three years:

Kelly S. Savory 379 votes **Declared Elected**

The following part of the School District meeting shall be adjourned until Saturday March 12, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon in the Robin Beaugard Gymnasium of Hinsdale High School.

The Town Check List was available for use throughout the meeting. Present in addition to the Moderator and School District Clerk Ann Marie Diorio, were Supervisors of the Check List and Ballot Clerks, Karen Johnson, Nancy Clem, Jennifer Domingue and Kelly Savory. Also present were School Board members Holly Kennedy, Jeana Woodbury, James O'Malley, Tina McCosker and Sean Leary. Administrators present were: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent, Patricia Bassett, Interim Superintendent for Hinsdale, Thomas O' Connor, Business Administrator, Matthew Upton, Esq., Attorney for the Hinsdale School District.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard S. Johnson, Jr. March 12, 2015 at 9:07 AM, in the Robin Beaugard Gymnasium of Hinsdale High School.

Richard Johnson, Town Moderator, thanked everyone for coming out to participate in the meeting.

Moderator Johnson introduced the Girl Scout troop who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Johnson introduce Chairman Holly Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy thanked those present for their attendance at the meeting. Mrs. Kennedy acknowledged three individuals on their service to the Hinsdale School District: Stephen Howe, Alfred Hoel and Mark Taft. The Board thanked Patti Bassett for dedication to the District and help with the smooth transition of the new superintendent Wayne Woolridge. The Board thanked Ann Marie Diorio for dedication to the District.

Holly Kennedy, also on behalf of the Hinsdale School Board, nominated April Anderson as a Champion for Children for the Hinsdale School District. April was nominated for her continued work as President of the Hinsdale Elementary School PTA and her willingness to make Hinsdale a better place for the children of the District.

Peter Zavorotny, Chairman of the Budget Committee reviewed the budget process and the budgets.

ARTICLE ONE: The Moderator read Article One as printed: To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of **\$11,743,800** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The school board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0-0 vote. The budget committee recommends this appropriation by a 4-2-0 vote. (Majority vote required)

Motion was made and seconded to accept Article One as printed.

Peter Zavorotny explained that this budget is down approximately \$450,000,000.00 from the original proposal by the School Board. The two committees worked hard this to prevent staffing cuts but the dissenting votes of the budget committee felt that there should be further cuts.

Tim Girroir stated he would like the font changed in the budget portion of the Annual Report. He would like an independent firm to come in and review cost cutting measures and would like the District to explore owning their own buses.

Moderator Johnson asked if there were any questions; motion was made and seconded to call the question.

By voice vote it was declared in the affirmative, Article One passes.

ARTICLE TWO: The Moderator read Article Two as printed: To see if the Hinsdale School will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hinsdale School Board and the Hinsdale Federation of Teachers which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

| Fiscal Year | Estimated Salaries |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 2016 | \$186,472 |
| 2017 | \$239,867 |
| 2018 | \$288,577 |

and further to raise and appropriate **\$186,472** for the current 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. The school board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0-0 vote. The budget committee recommends this appropriation by a 4-0-2 vote. (Majority vote required)

Motion was made and seconded to accept Article Two as printed.

Dodie Bevis asked why teachers were getting a raise again and the increase in staff. Holly Kennedy stated that the Board worked collaboratively with the teachers to help the Hinsdale School district become more competitive in the market place. Hinsdale teachers are among the lowest paid teachers in the region.

Peter Ohmart stated his views on why this article should be passed.

Moderator Johnson asked if there were any questions; motion was made and seconded to call the question.

By voice vote it was declared in the affirmative, Article Two passes.

ARTICLE THREE: The Moderator read Article Four as printed to see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of “*up to*” fifty thousand dollars (**\$50,000**) to be added to the School Building Maintenance Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The school board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0-0 vote. The budget committee recommends this appropriation by a 5-1-0 vote. (Majority vote required)

Motion was made and seconded to accept Article Three as printed.

Tim Girrior stated that it was an incorrect statement to say this would not raise taxes because it would due to the fact that if the money was not put aside it would be used to lower taxes.

James O'Malley explained about the space issues of the elementary school and what the plan is for the coming year to try and solve those issues.

Moderator Johnson asked if there were any questions; motion was made and seconded to call the question.

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By voice vote it was declared in the affirmative, Article Three passes.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 AM.

For the record, at this March 12, 2015 meeting, the Hinsdale School District voted to raise and appropriate a total of eleven million, nine hundred eighty thousand, and two hundred seventy two dollars (\$11,980,272.00).

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Diorio
School District Clerk