

**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 10th day of March 2026, 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.
2,260 Registered voters; 723 votes cast; 32% turnout

School Board for three years. Vote for two:

Kendra Gardner	291 votes	Declared Elected
Kaylah Hemow	288 votes	Declared Elected

Write In Candidate(s): (7)

School Board for one year. Vote for one:

Laura Hubbard	315 votes	Declared Elected
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Write In Candidate(s): (3)

The following part of the School District Meeting shall be adjourned until Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning or immediately following the conclusion of the town meeting whichever is later.

The Town Checklist was available for use throughout the meeting. Present in addition to the School District Moderator, Matthew Bickford, and School District Clerk, Melissa Lowe, was the Supervisor of the Checklist, Kelly Savory, the Deputy Town Clerk, Kim Mitchell, and the Ballot Clerks, Mary Winslow and Nancy Clem.

Also present were School Board Members: April Anderson, Wayne Dingman, and Kendra Gardner.

The administrators present were Dr. David Ryan, Superintendent, Jane Fortson, Business Administrator, and the school attorney Abby Tucker, Esq. from Wadleigh Starr & Peters PLLC.

Moderator Mark Bickford opened the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Moderator Bickford led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Bickford invited April Anderson, Chair of the School Board, to speak.

Chair April Anderson recognized the following retirees: Cheryl Momaney, who was not present for 21 years of service as the Speech-Language pathologist at the Hinsdale Elementary School. Mary Wissman, for 24 years of service, as a classroom teacher at the Hinsdale Elementary School. The Board also recognized Donna Foster, a classroom teacher at Hinsdale Elementary School, after 33 years of service.

Chair Anderson turned the meeting over to Sean Leary from the Budget Committee to speak about the tax impact statement.

Sean Leary turned the meeting over to the superintendent Dr. Ryan to the presentation. The school put together a slide show to highlight certain areas.

- Portrait of a Learner
- A student who achieved 1,000 points in basketball and
- Tuition agreement with Winchester
- Back-to-School Night
- Expanded AP course options
- Completion of the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan with goals and priorities.

Recognition of Patrica Wallace for being named the 2026 New Hampshire Special Administrator of the year.

Dr. Ryan nominated the school board for 2026 School Board of Year.

The school boards guiding budget framework asked “How will we improve student achievement and post-secondary aspirations while reducing the tax burden on our community?”

Dr. Ryan turned the meeting over to Jane Fortson, business administrator.

BA Jane Fortson presented an overview of the proposed budget. 2025-2026 budget \$15,469,017 compared to the 2026-2027 budget \$15,068,262 which is a decrease of \$400,755 or -2.59%. Those numbers do not include transfers, which are food services and grants.

J. Fortson turned the meeting back over to Moderator Bickford.

ARTICLE ONE: OPERATING BUDGET

Moderator Bickford then read Article One:

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the school board's recommended amount of \$15,967,262 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 contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The school board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

A motion was made to accept Article One as printed by Dennis Nadeau and seconded by Ken Howe.

Moderator Bickford asked for any questions or comments.

Discussion followed. Statements from the public were received, and questions were answered.

Motion was made to move the question.

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

ARTICLE TWO: FUEL EXPENDABLE TRUST

Moderator Bickford read Article Two:

To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to establish a Fuel Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of setting aside funds from unspent fuel account lines to be used to offset cost coverages for future years and to raise and appropriate up to \$10,000 to be placed in the fund to come from unspent fuel accounts fund balance; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund. The School Board Recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The Budget Committee Recommends this appropriation by a 7-2 vote. (Majority vote required)

A motion was made to accept Article Two as written by Bill Nebelski and seconded by Ken Howe.

Moderator Bickford asked for any questions or comments.

Amendment was proposed to amend Article Two: Fuel Expendable Trust to Moderator Bickford.

Amendment to Article Two: FUEL EXPENDABLE TRUST

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A motion made to accept the amendment of article two as read by K. Howe and seconded by B. Nebelski.

Chair A. Anderson spoke on the amendment that was brought forth because of a suggestion to put a cap on the expandable trust.

Moderator Bickford asked for questions and comments on amended article two.

Discussion followed. Statements and questions from the public were received and answered.

Amended article two was read as proposed.

By standing vote: yes – 64; no-6, it was declared in the affirmative. Amended Article Two passes and becomes Article Two.

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

Moderator Bickford read Article Three:

ARTICLE THREE: TO FUND THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty-five thousand dollars) to be added to the Special Education expendable trust fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30, 2026, fund balance available for transfer on July 1. The school board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The budget committee recommends this appropriation by a 9-0 vote. (Majority vote required)

A motion was made to accept Article Three as written by K. Howe and seconded by D. Nadeau.

Moderator Bickford asked for any questions or comments.

No discussion.

Motion was made to move the question.

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

ARTICLE FOUR: TO FUND THE MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST

To see if the Hinsdale School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum up to \$25,000 (Twenty-five thousand dollars) to be added to the School Building Maintenance expendable trust fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30, 2026, fund balance available for transfer on July 1. The school board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The budget committee recommends this appropriation by a 9-0 vote. (Majority vote required.)

A motion was made to accept Article Three as written by Mike Bomba and seconded by D. Seymour.

Moderator Bickford asked for any questions or comments.

Maintenance expendable trust has a balance of \$110, 338.50 as of June 30, 2025. Special Ed Expendable Trust has a balance of \$298,620.89 as of June 30, 2025.

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

Moderator Bickford read Article Four:

ARTICLE FIVE: OTHER BUSINESS

To transact any other business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

A motion was made to accept Article Three as written by K. Howe and seconded by W. Nebelski.

Moderator Bickford asked for any questions or comments.

Discussion was had.

Motion was made to move the question.

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

ARTICLE SIX: REPORTS

Shall the Hinsdale School District receive the reports of its agents, auditors, committees and officers?

Moderator Bickford asked if there were any questions.

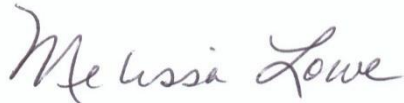
Motion was made to move the question.

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

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 PM.

By voice vote, it was declared in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Lowe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Melissa Lowe
School District Clerk