

HERE ARE THE CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTIONS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

Each Article that will appear on the March 10th Ballot is included below, followed by an explanation and the Board's recommendation. Please contact one of the members of the School Board if you have any questions.

Article 01: Operating Budget-School District-SB2

Shall the Contoocook Valley 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, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$50,565,103? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$49,142,616, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley 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. (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.).

A YES vote means you support adoption of the proposed budget of \$50,565,103 for the 2020-2021 school year which begins July 1, 2020. This proposed budget represents a 3.26% increase over the current year operational budget.

A NO vote means the default budget of \$49,142,616 will be adopted for the 2020-2021 school year. This will require cuts in a combination of programs, staff, and facilities work totaling \$1.422 million.

The School Board has proposed this budget and thus Recommends a YES vote - for adoption of Article 01

Article 02: Appropriate to the Building Capital Reserve Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Building Capital Reserve Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2020 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.)

A YES vote means that up to \$550,000 will be appropriated to the School District's Building Capital Reserve Fund. This amount will come from any available surplus left on June 30, 2020.

A NO vote means that no additional money will be added to the fund.

The School Board has voted to Recommend a YES vote - for adoption of Article 02

Article 03: Appropriate to the Athletic Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Athletic Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2020 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.)

A YES vote means that up to \$25,000 will be appropriated to the School District's Athletic Trust Fund. This amount will come from any available surplus left on June 30, 2020.

A NO vote means that no additional money will be added to the fund.

The School Board has voted to Recommend a YES vote – for adoption of Article 03

To view this document online, visit the ConVal Budget Digest where all documents related to the budget have been placed to help you become better informed. schoolboard.convalsd.net/budget-2020-digest

Article 04: Appropriate to the Health Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Health Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2020 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020 with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.)

A YES vote means that up to \$25,000 will be appropriated to the School District's Health Trust Fund. This amount will come from any available surplus left on June 30, 2020.

A NO vote means that no additional money will be added to the fund.

The School Board has voted to Recommend a YES vote – for adoption of Article 04

Article 05: Power Purchase Agreement

Shall the District authorize its Board to negotiate a lease of property or an easement agreement with a solar provider on such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the District for the purpose of installing a solar panel array and related equipment at the High School property and further to authorize the Board to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with a third party investor for a term not to exceed 25 years, with provisions for a buy-out of the agreement subject to subsequent appropriation, on such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the District, with the understanding that the Board may decline to enter into either of these agreements if it deems the terms and conditions not to be in the best interest of the District. (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.)

A YES vote means the District may enter into the referenced agreement associated with the installation and purchase of power from a solar panel array at the high school. Approval does not mean the District must enter such agreements.

A NO vote means that the District may not enter into these agreements – a solar array will not be installed.

The School Board has voted to Recommend a YES vote - for adoption of Article 05

Article 06: Establish and Appropriate to an Expendable Trust Fund for Energy Projects and Efficiencies

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Energy Projects and Efficiency Fund, for the purpose of funding alternative energy projects and energy **efficiency projects, including but not limited to, future buyouts in the event the District enters into power purchase** agreements, as well as funding the design, construction and implementation of alternative energy projects and projects designed to conserve energy, and shall it raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be placed in the fund; further to name the school board as agents to expend from this fund? (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.)

A YES vote means that \$70,000 will be appropriated to the School District's Expendable Trust Fund for Energy Projects and Efficiencies. This amount will be in addition to any other approved appropriations and will not come from any available surplus left on June 30, 2020.

A NO vote means that a fund will not be established and therefore money will not be added to a fund.

The School Board has voted to Recommend a YES vote – for adoption of Article 06

Article 07: Accept the Reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen?

A Yes vote means that the District will accept reports from Auditors, Committees, etc.

The School Board has voted to Recommend a YES vote –for adoption of Article 07.

Article 08: School Board Salaries

Shall the Contoocook Valley Regional School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$1500; each member, \$1000; Treasurer, \$2,500; Moderator, \$300? (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

A YES vote means that the District will set the salaries of its Officers as stated.

The School Board has voted to Recommend a YES vote - for adoption of Article 08.

Article 09: Petitioned Warrant Article

To see if the District will vote to set the reimbursement rate for facilities utilized by the District that are controlled by another entity. The District shall pay a percentage of agreed costs calculated as follows: (hours per day utilized by District multiplied times the annual days utilized) divided by (twenty-four hours multiplied by three hundred sixty-five days) equals District percentage. The Controlling entity shall pay the Districts for agreed maintenance incurred and utility costs for the facility at a rate calculated as follows: (one hundred percent minus District percentage). (SUBMITTED BY PETITION).

A YES vote means that you support this article.

A No vote means that you do not support this article.

According to District legal counsel, this proposed warrant article is, in essence, a referendum article which is not binding upon the School Board as it encroaches upon the management authority statutorily reserved to the ConVal School Board (the "Board"). The Board does recognize the expression of desire by the citizens (the legislative body) with regard to the manner in which the District pays for its use of facilities.

For information about the budget we have provided a [Web Budget Digest Page](#) that contains 3 articles of interest. This digest page contains a section labeled "Documents". The three articles of interest are:

1) "ConVal Budget Overview" -

This document Provides an overview of the budget. It is an overview and is relatively brief. Quick informative reading.

2) "A School Budget Primer" -

This is a more in-depth detailed budget document that puts a lot more information forward about the budget and how it works.

3) "2020-2021 Default Budget" -

This article explains the actions that will have to happen if the budget warrant does not pass.

To access the Web Budget Digest Page, please type in this link address into your device or browser:

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