

**WARRANT**  
**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the Contoocook Valley School District consisting of the Towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at **ConVal High School** at 184 Hancock Rd., (Route 202 North) in Peterborough on the **sixth day of February** next at **6 o'clock in the evening** for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting (snow date: seventh day of February next at 6 o'clock in the evening), to deliberate upon the warrant articles listed below. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended; (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended; and, (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article. An amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this provision.

You are further notified to meet at the following places in the Town of your residence:

Antrim	Antrim Town Hall	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Bennington	Pierce Elementary School	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Dublin	Dublin Town Hall	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Francestown	Francestown Town Hall	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Greenfield	Greenfield Town Hall	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Hancock	Hancock Town Office	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Peterborough	Peterborough Community Center	8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sharon	Sharon Meeting House	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Temple	Temple Town Hall	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

on the **twelfth day of March** next for the second session of the Meeting (polls will be open for voting by official ballot at the second session)

**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 or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$48,128,007? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$46,878,781, 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.)

**Article 02: Accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement**

To see if the Contoocook Valley Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the ConVal School Board and the ConVal Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2019-2020	\$909,187
2020-2021	\$619,950

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$909,187 for the 2019-2020 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 ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.)

**Article 03: Special Meeting for Defeated/Amended Collective Bargaining Unit**

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only?  
(The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.)

**Article 04: To amend Article 8 of the Articles of Agreement:**

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to amend Article 8 of the Articles of Agreement among the School District towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple as follows:

From the present language of:

The expenses of the Contoocook Valley School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned as follows:

- a) Fifty percent (50%) on the average daily membership (ADM) of the pupils in public schools residing in each pre-existing district of the Cooperative School District as determined by the most recent school fiscal year figures available from the State Department of Education.
- b) Fifty percent (50%) on the Total Equalized Valuation (TEV) of each pre-existing district of the Cooperative School District as determined by the most recent figures available from the State Department of Revenue Administration.”

To the language as follows:

The expenses of the Contoocook Valley School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned as follows:

- a) Forty percent (40%) on the average daily membership (ADM) of the pupils in public schools residing in each pre-existing district of the Cooperative School District as determined by the most recent school fiscal year figures available from the State Department of Education.
- b) Sixty percent (60%) on the Total Equalized Valuation (TEV) of each pre-existing district of the Cooperative School District as determined by the most recent figures available from the State Department of Revenue Administration.

(2/3 Vote Required) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a vote (tally 6-5-0).)

**Article 05: Single Tier Bussing to allow one start time for all schools**

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$808,000 for the purpose of adding additional bus routes for the formation of a single tier bussing system that will allow the middle school and high school to begin school one hour later.

(The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.)

(The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a vote (tally 6-5-0).)

**Article 06: Appropriate to Special Education Reserve Trust Fund from Fund Balance**

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Special Education Reserve Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2019 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019, 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.)

**Article 07: Appropriate to Building Reserve Fund from Fund Balance**

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Building Capital Reserve Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2019 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019, 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.)

**Article 08: Appropriate to Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund from Fund Balance**

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2019 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019, 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.)

**Article 09: Appropriate to Health Trust Fund from Fund Balance**

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Health Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2019 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019 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.)

**Article 10: Accept Reports of Agents and Auditors**

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

**Article 11: School Board Salaries**

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the annual 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 by a unanimous vote.)

**Article 12: Petitioned Warrant Article**

Require that the School Board submit to the ConVal School District voters for their approval a comprehensive analysis and implementation plan detailing the financial, educational and social impacts that any school closure might have on both students and towns prior to proposing to the voters any plan for any school closure in the ConVal School District. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article by a unanimous vote.)

**Article 13: Petitioned Warrant Article**

The School Board and Administration are instructed to prepare, by December 1, 2019, a detailed proposal to restructure the ConVal School District so that there are eight elementary schools with grades K-6, and one high school with grades 7-12. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION.) (The ConVal School Board DOES NOT RECOMMEND adoption of this article by a vote (tally 10-1-0).)

**Article 14: School Board Members**

To choose Contoocook Valley School District Officers as follows: Five (5) Members of the School Board; one (1) from the Town of Antrim for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Dublin for a term of three (3) years; one (1) from the Town of Hancock for a term of three (3) years; two (2) from the Town of Peterborough for a term of three (3) years.