

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
106 Hancock Rd.
Peterborough, New Hampshire**

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

**NOTICE OF RECOUNT
CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ON WARRANT ARTICLE NO. 1
[OPERATING BUDGET WARRANT ARTICLE]**

Notice is hereby given that timely application having been filed with the School District Clerk in conformity with NH RSA 40:4-c(l) for a recount of the ballots given on the question of School District Warrant Article Number One (1), the Operating Budget Article, the Clerk has appointed that the **Recount shall occur on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 4:00PM in the Gymnasium at the Contoocook Valley Regional High School Gymnasium located at 184 Hancock Road, Peterborough, New Hampshire.**

The applicants and all other members of the public are invited to attend and observe the recount. All attendees shall be required to follow the COVID-19 safety protocols of the School District and Moderator.

**School Board Recount – Minutes
Thursday, March 18, 2021**

Moderator, Robert Edwards recognized those that worked tonight to make this recount function smoothly.

Housekeeping rules were shared. Moderator Edwards said that COVID-19 Guidelines should be exercised. Face masks should be worn.

If anyone present should need to exit, please do so quietly following the pattern for travel flow.

He asked that cellphones be turned off.

Once team has completed the task of recounting, please remain at your table in the event that any town team is being questioned you might assist.

The mission is to have the highest quality count possible. Please respect the process set in place tonight for the recount. It is recognized that each town may have their own system of counting but the same process is requested tonight.

Moderator Edwards swore all counters present in oath.

Protocols in place are that the boxes designated for each town will be opened in front of the counters. 200 ballots should be counted out and separated into three piles; yes, no, other.

Once separated, count out 50 ballot increments making it easier to detect an issue. Stack the 50's into piles by yes, no, other. If neither a yes or no vote is recorded on the ballot, place it in "other".

If counters are unable to determine the intent of the voter, please raise your hand and the moderator or assistant moderator will assist in making a judgement on that vote and ask if there is any protest. If there is none, the ballot will be flagged.

A contested ballot will go to the Moderator for review. A contested ballot may come forward from observers. The basis of the protest will be noted and a final decision will take place. If that is challenged, the board of recount will attach a sequentially numbered flag to the protest. These ballots will be protected separately. They will be marked as contested or challenged. If assistance is needed, raise your hand.

After the table has finalized the town's count, please wait for further assignment or completion of the count.

The moderator will declare the results and certify them.

Ballots will be placed in the appropriate town box and resealed for transport by two individuals back to the SAU to be locked and secured for the appropriate amount of time.

Anyone seeking a challenge must do so by the end of the 5th day after the recount by filing at the Superior Court. If no appeal is received, the vote becomes final.

Ballot counters proceeded to count ballots in accordance with the Moderator's instructions for counting.

The result, after all recounting took place was:

Total "Yes" votes for Article 01 – Proposed Budget – 1,636

Total "No" votes for Article 01 – Proposed Budget – 1,629

Therefore, Article 01, proposed 2021-2022 budget passes in the affirmative by seven (7) votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok

ConVal School District
Ballot Recount – Article 1
March 18, 2021

Declaration of Recount Results

Antrim:

Yes 184 No 156 Blank 5 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No 0 Blank 0 Defective 0

Bennington:

Yes 86 No 125 Blank 7 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No 0 Blank 0 Defective 0

Dublin:

Yes 196 No 189 Blank 18 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No _____ Blank _____ Defective _____

Francestown:

Yes 95 No 187 Blank 6 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No _____ Blank _____ Defective _____

Greenfield:

Yes 104 No 186 Blank 4 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No _____ Blank _____ Defective _____

Hancock:

Yes 270 No 177 Blank 15 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No _____ Blank _____ Defective _____

Peterborough:

Yes 469 No 361 Blank 4 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No _____ Blank _____ Defective _____

Sharon:

Yes 54 No 38 Blank 1 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No _____ Blank _____ Defective _____

Temple:

Yes 178 No 210 Blank 14 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No _____ Blank _____ Defective _____

Grand Totals:

Yes 1636 No 1629 Blank 74 Defective 0

Challenged:

Yes 0 No _____ Blank _____ Defective _____

Result: Article Passes ✓ Article Fails _____

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned do hereby declare and certify the above referenced recount results to be the outcome of the recount on Article 01 of the March 9, 2021 vote.

Signed [Signature]
School District Moderator

Signed [Signature]
School District Clerk

Signed [Signature]
School Board, Chairman for the Board of Recount