

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 **eighth day of February, 2022**, next at **6 o'clock in the evening** for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting (snow date: tenth 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 Meeting House	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Hancock	Hancock Elementary School	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 **eighth 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 \$53,766,080? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$52,842,414 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.)

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
2022-2023	\$877,844
2023-2024	\$737,576
2024-2025	\$714,868

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$877,844 for the 2022-2023 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.)

Article 03: Special Meeting for Defeated/Amended Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the District, if Article 02 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 02 cost items only? (Majority vote required)

Article 04: Expansion of Current Preschool Program

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$744,112 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the purpose of expanding the existing pre-school program?
(The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 05: Establish and Appropriate to Technology Trust Fund

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Technology Trust Fund, for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining hardware, software, and services as necessary to support the use of digital equipment and technology throughout the District, and shall it raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the fund, and 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.)

Article 06: Appropriate to the Energy 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 Contoocook Valley School District Energy Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, 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.)

Article 07: Appropriate to the Building Capital Reserve Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund, previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, 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.)

Article 08: Appropriate to the 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, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, 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.)

Article 09: Appropriate to the Building Capital 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 Building Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, with no amount to be raised from taxation. In the event that Article 07 passes, this appropriation shall be in addition to any appropriation to the Building Capital Reserve pursuant to Article 07. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

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, \$1,500; each member, \$1,000; Treasurer, \$2,500; Deputy Treasurer, \$2,000; Moderator, \$300? (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

Article 12: Petitioned Warrant Article

Shall the voters of the CONVAL Regional School District approve the following warrant article?

Whereas an educated citizenry is necessary for the effective functioning and preservation of a representative democracy and

Whereas full transparency in government is a bedrock principle for ensuring accountability in a democracy and

Whereas the primary purpose of our schools is to provide a quality education that prepares students to become active and knowledgeable citizens and productive community members and schools must provide the tools students need to acquire and develop analytical thinking skills that enable them to navigate the complexity of a modern economy and

Whereas the primary responsibility for guiding the education of children and overseeing what is being taught in our schools and classrooms falls primarily to parents/grandparents/legal guardians in conjunction with elected School Boards and appointed administrators and

Whereas taxpayers also have an absolute right to know how their educational tax dollars are being spent then therefore

Consistent with the above this article shall require that the CONVAL Regional School District School Board of Education/SAU 1 SHALL make available by September 15th of each year and as available thereafter throughout the school year ALL instructional materials, including, but not limited to, textbooks, printed matter and/or materials in electronic form used in classrooms, to the general public in libraries in each of the Towns in the CONVAL School District (PETERBOROUGH, DUBLIN, FRANCESTOWN, GREENFIELD, HANCOCK, TEMPLE, ANTRIM, SHARON, AND BENNINGTON).

In addition, copies of all professional training materials provided to teachers, administrators and staff shall also be made available to the public.

The School District is hereby instructed to spend \$200 from existing budgeted funds to publicize the availability of these materials to the public.

(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED) (SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

Article 13: School Board Members

To choose Contoocook Valley School District Officers as follows: Six (6) 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; one (1) from the Town of Peterborough for a term of one (1) year.