

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

Each Article that will appear on the March 8th 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 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.)

A YES vote means you support adoption of the proposed budget of \$53,766,080 for the 2022-2023 school year which begins July 1, 2022. This proposed budget represents a .67% decrease over the current year's gross budget.

A NO vote means the default budget of \$52,842,414 will be adopted for the 2022-2023 school year. This will require cuts in a combination of programs, staff, and facilities work totaling \$923,666.

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

Article 02: Accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 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.)

A YES vote means you support adoption of the proposed collective bargaining agreement for a period of three years. In the 2022-2023 school year, \$877,844 would be added to the operational budget, regardless of whether the proposed budget or default (Article 01) is adopted.

A NO vote means: (a) there will be no changes in the collective bargaining agreement (i.e. no increases in wages and salaries in 2022-2023 for employees covered by the agreement, (b) there will be no increases to the budget adopted as a result of Article 02, and (c) approval of a new collective bargaining agreement will be postponed until the following year. Note that Article 03 will provide an opportunity to address costs items in the Agreement prior to next year's vote.

The School Board Recommends a YES vote - for adoption of Article 02.

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

Shall the 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? (Majority vote required)

A YES vote means the School District can call an additional public meeting to approve a revised collective bargaining agreement, in the event that Article 02 fails. The bargaining unit members would not necessarily need to forgo an increase in salaries and wages provided the Board and the bargaining unit can reach agreement.

A NO vote means approval of a new agreement would have to be postponed until the following year District Meeting Part 2 (March 2023).

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

Article 04: Appropriate \$744,112 to Expand the Current Preschool Program

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$744,112 for the purpose of expanding the existing preschool program? (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

A YES vote means that \$744,112 will be appropriated to expand the current preschool program from five classrooms to eight classrooms.

A NO vote means that the current preschool program will not be expanded and remain as it is currently structured.

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

Article 05: Establish and Appropriate a Technology Trust Fund from Fund Balance

Shall the Contoocook Valley School District establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Technology Trust Fun, 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.)

A YES vote means that a Technology Trust Fund will be established and \$100,000 will be raised and appropriated to the trust fund.

A NO vote means that a Technology Trust Fund will not be created or funded.

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

Article 06: Appropriate to the School District 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.)

A YES vote means that up to \$100,000 will be appropriated to the School District's Energy Trust Fund. This amount will come from any available surplus left on June 30, 2022.

The intent of this fund it to buyout the Solar Project Agreement and support projects and efficiencies.

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 06.

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.)

A YES vote means that up to \$500,000 will be appropriated to the School District's Building Capital Reserve Fund. This amount will come from any available surplus left on June 30, 2022.

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 07.

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, 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.)

A YES vote means that \$50,000 will be appropriated to the School District's Health Trust Fund to offset the difference between the guaranteed maximum rate and the actual health rate increase budgeted. This amount will come from any available surplus left on June 30, 2022.

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 08.

Article 09: Appropriate to 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 Fund 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.)

A YES vote means that \$250,000 will be appropriated to the Building Capital Reserve Fund. This amount will come from any available surplus left on June 30, 2022.

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 09.

Article 10: 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 its Agents, Auditors, Committees, etc.

A NO vote means that the District will not accept the reports of its Agents, Auditors, Committees, etc.

Article 11: 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, \$1,500; each member, \$1,000; Treasurer, \$2,500; Deputy Treasurer, \$2,000; 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.

A NO vote means that the District will not set salaries for its Board and Officers as stated.

The School Board has voted to Recommend a YES vote - for adoption of Article 11.

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)

(The ConVal School Board DOES NOT RECOMMEND adoption of this article.)

A YES vote means that the District may establish and maintain curriculum materials in the public libraries of the nine towns in ConVal.

A NO vote means that the District would not establish curriculum materials in the public libraries of the nine towns in ConVal.

The Board does not recommend this petitioned article because it does not contain the appropriation necessary to purchase full sets of curricula for each town library. The Board has received an opinion from its legal counsel that the article is "advisory in nature".

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