



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013**

Nancy L. Lacasse
NANCY L. LACASSE, DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

FOR 3 YEARS	Vote for not more than ONE
ROBERT O'BRIEN	<input type="radio"/>
JASON CIPRIANO	<input type="radio"/>
_____	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	

ARTICLES

Article 2 – Operating Budget

Shall the Hampstead 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 **\$23,773,024**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$23,898,613**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Hampstead 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. Note: Warrant Article 2 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

*Recommended by the School Board 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee (advisory only) 5-0*

Article 3 – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Hampstead Support Personnel Association

Shall the Hampstead School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead School Board and the Hampstead Support Personnel Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

YES
NO

Cost Distribution	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Salaries	\$18,872	\$18,872	\$18,872	\$20,220
Uniform Cleaning/Maintenance	(4,229)	0	0	0
FICA	1,444	1,444	1,444	1,547
NH State Retirement	2,033	2,033	2,033	2,178
Insurance	(7,142)	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$10,978	\$22,348	\$22,348	\$23,945

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,978** for the 2013-14 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and fringe benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

*Recommended by the School Board 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee (advisory only) 5-0*

Article 4 – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Hampstead Educators Association

Shall the Hampstead School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead School Board and the Hampstead Educators Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

YES
NO

Cost Distribution	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Salaries	\$83,969	\$135,271	\$154,704	\$164,695
Insurance	0	0	0	(56,924)
FICA	6,424	10,348	11,835	12,599
NH State Retirement	9,488	19,154	21,906	23,321
TOTAL	\$99,881	\$164,773	\$188,445	\$143,691

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$99,881** for the 2013-14 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and fringe benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

*Recommended by the School Board 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee (advisory only) 5-0*

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5 – Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Hampstead School District, if Article 3 or Article 4 is defeated, authorize the Hampstead School Board to call a special meeting, at its option, to address the Article 3 and/or Article 4 cost item only? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

(Without this article, the District would have to petition the Superior Court for a Special School District Meeting. This saves the District the expense of attorney fees and court costs.)

Recommended by the School Board 5-0

Article 6 – Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Hampstead School District raise and appropriate up to **\$75,000** to be placed in the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006, with such amount to be transferred from the June 30, 2013 unreserved fund balance (surplus) in excess of \$150,000? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

(The first \$150,000 of surplus will be returned to the taxpayers. The next \$75,000 of the surplus will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund. Any additional surplus will be returned to the taxpayers. The funds from this article come from the 2012-13 school budget surplus, not from additional taxes.)

Recommended by the School Board 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee (advisory only) 4-1

Article 7 – Fund Balance Retention (Surplus)

Shall the Hampstead School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and over-expenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate, all in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Recommended by the School Board 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee (advisory only) 5-0

Article 8 – General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the Hampstead School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2012 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

Article 9 – SAU Budget on Warrant Petition by Jorge Mesa-Tejada et al

Shall the voters of the Hampstead School District within School Administrative Unit Number 55 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meetings? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES
NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING