

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Union School District in the City of Keene, qualified to vote in school affairs:

You are hereby notified and warned to meet for the First Session of the annual school district meeting at Keene High School, 43 Arch Street, Keene, on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., for explanation, discussion, debate and possible amendment of the following articles.

On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the Second Session of the annual meeting, official ballot voting will take place upon these articles as they may have been lawfully amended at this First Session. At the Second Session, the voters will also elect three members of the Board of Education for three-year terms.

This official ballot voting and election will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Keene Recreation Center, 312 Washington Street, Keene, for registered voters from Wards 1, 2, and 3; and at the First Baptist Church of Keene, 105 Maple Avenue, Keene, for registered voters from Wards 4 and 5.

### Article 1

Shall the 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 \$60,384,266. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$61,842,505, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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 the revised operating budget only. *(Note: This appropriation does not include appropriations in Articles 2, 4 and 6).*

### Article 2

Shall the District vote to approve the cost items that result from a collective bargaining agreement negotiated by the Board of Education with the Keene Association of Principals and Supervisors. For fiscal year 2010 – 2011, the first year of this two-year agreement, there are no increased cost items above the costs of the prior agreement, and no additional funds are required beyond that which is already included in Article 1, the operating Budget. The increased costs for the second year of the agreement are estimated to be \$35,694. *(Note: The Board of Education recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*

### Article 3

Shall the District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the Board of Education to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only?

- Article 4** Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,451 to fund cost item increases in fiscal year 2010 - 2011 in salaries and benefits as such increases result from an agreement negotiated by the Board of Education with the Association of Keene Tutors; and shall the District approve the financial terms of the second year of this two-year agreement? The increased costs for the second year of the agreement are estimated to be \$42,381. *(Note: Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12(VII), if this agreement is approved, the terms of the agreement, including its pay plan, but excluding cost-of-living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. This appropriation is in addition to Article 1, the operating budget article. The Board of Education recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*
- Article 5** Shall the District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the Board of Education to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only?
- Article 6** Shall the District establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the “school buildings maintenance fund,” for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the school buildings within the District; and name the school board as agents to expend from this fund; and shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$100,000 to be placed in the fund with such amount to come from the June 30, 2010 unexpended balance of 2009 – 2010 appropriations? *(Note: The School Board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*
- Article 7** Shall the District discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund for “equipment” as established by the District at its annual meeting held March 28, 1957. *(Note: The fund currently holds a little over \$2300. If this Article is approved, the funds in the account will be transferred to the general fund).*
- Article 8** Shall the District authorize the Board of Education to lease or purchase land or land and buildings for school purposes as such land or land and buildings may be adjacent to any school buildings within the District and/or adjacent to streets which border such school buildings within the District?

Approved for posting by the Keene School Board on January 12, 2010

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