

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 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., for explanation, discussion, debate and possible amendment of the following articles.

On Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 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 13, 2012, 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 \$61,571,139. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$62,027,935, 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, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11).*

Article 2 Shall the District approve the cost items included in the agreement reached between the Board of Education and the Keene School Psychologists and Speech Pathologists Group; and accordingly shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,832, such amount required to fund in fiscal year 2012 - 2013 the increased costs of such new agreement over the funds that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the current agreement? At current staffing levels, the increased cost of the new agreement for its term of 4 years is estimated to be \$27,346 in 2013 – 2014, \$26,621 in 2014 - 2015 and \$27,010 in 2015 - 2016. *(Note: This appropriation is in addition to Article 1, the operating budget article. The Board of Education recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*

Article 3 Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Education and the Keene Educational Office Personnel Group, and accordingly shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,358, such amount required to fund in fiscal year 2012 - 2013 the increased costs of such new agreement over the funds that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement? At current staffing levels, the increased cost of the new agreement for its term of four years is estimated to be \$21,753 in 2013 – 2014, \$22,143 in 2014 -

2015 and \$22,440 in 2015 - 2016. *(Note: This appropriation is in addition to Article 1, the operating budget article. The Board of Education recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*

Article 4 Shall the District, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the Board of Education to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only?

Article 5 Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Education and the Keene Association of Principals and Supervisors, and accordingly shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,957, such amount required to fund in fiscal year 2012 - 2013 the increased costs of such new agreement over the funds that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement? At current staffing levels, the increased cost of the new agreement for its term of three years is estimated to be \$22,665 in 2013 – 2014, and \$16,971 in 2014 - 2015. *(Note: This appropriation is in addition to Article 1, the operating budget article. The Board of Education recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*

Article 6 Shall the District, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the Board of Education to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 5 cost items only?

Article 7 Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Education and the Association of Keene Tutors, and accordingly shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,141, such amount required to fund in fiscal year 2012 - 2013 the increased costs of such new agreement over the funds that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement? At current staffing levels, the increased cost of the new agreement for its term of three years is estimated to be \$31,723 in 2013 – 2014, and \$32,258 in 2014 - 2015. *(Note: This appropriation is in addition to Article 1, the operating budget article. The Board of Education recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*

Article 8 Shall the District, if Article 7 is defeated, authorize the Board of Education to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 7 cost items only?

Article 9 Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Education and AFSCME Local 2973 (Keene Custodians), and accordingly shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,384, such amount required to fund in fiscal year 2012 - 2013 the increased costs of such new agreement over the funds that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement? At current staffing levels, the increased cost of the new agreement for its term of four years is estimated to be \$30,574 in 2013 – 2014, \$31,916 in 2014 – 2015, and \$32,229 in 2015 – 2016. *(Note: This appropriation is in addition to Article 1, the operating budget article. The Board of Education recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*

Article 10 Shall the District, if Article 9 is defeated, authorize the Board of Education to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 9 cost items only?

Article 11 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$100,000, to be added to the “school buildings maintenance fund,” for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the school buildings within the District as established by the voters at the 2010 annual meeting? This sum will come from the June 30, 2012 unexpended balance of 2011 – 2012 appropriations available for transfer on July 1, 2012, and will not be raised by taxation in 2012 – 2013. *(Note: The School Board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question).*

Article 12 Shall the District authorize the Board of Education to sell the real estate at 34 West Street to such buyer and upon such terms as the Board of Education deems to be in the best interest of the District?

Article 13 Shall the District authorize the Board of Education to transfer the real estate at Carpenter Street known as “Carpenter Field” to the City of Keene for no consideration? The real estate is encumbered by certain restrictions that it is to be used for recreational purposes.

Article 14 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?

Article 15 *(Submitted by Petition)* Shall the Keene School District discontinue the use of the Jonathan Daniels facility as an elementary school?

Article 16 *(Submitted by Petition)* Shall the Keene School District restructure the existing K-5 grade span configuration and convert the four (4) remaining schools into a split grade elementary school structure?
