

State of New Hampshire 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?

Directory of School Officials

January 2010

Elizer Rivera - Moderator
Daniel J. Antosiewicz - Treasurer
Carmelina Tonkinson - Clerk

Keene Board of Education

Term Expires	March
Kathleen O'Donnell, Chair, 609 West Street	2011
Neil W. Donegan, Vice-Chair, 13 Wildwood Rd.	2011
Kristin D. Blais, 81 Kendall Road	2012
Carol A. Brown, 11 Evans Circle	2010
Carter Chamberlin, 11 Fox Avenue	2011
Christopher C. Coates, 30 Gilsum Street	2010
Carl A. Panza, 88 Stearns Road	2012
Donald N. Parker, 97 Laura Lane	2010
Amy K. Speas, 70 Bradford Road	2012

Keene Board of Education Standing Committees

Building Facilities and Ancillary Services: Christopher C. Coates, Chair; Kristin D. Blais; Carter Chamberlin; Amy K. Speas
Communications: Donald N. Parker, Chair; Christopher C. Coates; Neil W. Donegan; Carl A. Panza
Education: Carol A. Brown, Chair; Kristin D. Blais; Donald N. Parker; Amy K. Speas
Finance: Neil W. Donegan, Chair; Carol A. Brown; Christopher C. Coates, Carl A. Panza
Personnel: Carter Chamberlin, Chair; Kristin D. Blais; Carol A. Brown; Carl A. Panza

Absentee Voting Procedure

Absentee ballots may only be issued to Keene registered voters. Applications are available at the offices of the school district at the John W. Day Educational Center, 34 West Street in Keene on each business day through March 8, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A completed application may be picked up and left at 34 West Street in the superintendent's office on the second floor or in the business office on the first floor.

If you prefer to mail a request for an absentee ballot, please do so to: Carmelina Tonkinson, Keene School District Clerk, 34 West Street, Keene, NH 03431. Your request should include your name and address. An affidavit which sets forth your eligibility for an absentee ballot is part of the ballot. When available, absentee ballots will be mailed to those who have submitted proper requests prior to then. If you have any questions, please direct them to Carmelina Tonkinson, Keene School District Clerk, 357-9002 x221.

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February 2010

School Board Report

By Kathleen O'Donnell, Chair, Keene Board of Education

With the overwhelming success of the new Keene Middle School bond passing last March, this past year the Keene Board of Education has begun to look forward. Work on the planning of the new Keene Middle School is successfully underway and the actual construction will begin this spring.

The KMS marketing committee continues to work diligently to sell the present Washington Street school. It is our hope that this building can be sold in the near future returning money to the taxpayers of Keene.

The past year saw the long awaited sale of two district buildings. The former Roosevelt School on Washington Street, which housed the TNT program as well as the Keene Community Education program, was sold to River Valley Community College. The North Campus adjacent to Keene High School now hosts the formerly named TNT program, in a building, which is significantly more efficient

and accommodating to our students. The sale of Roosevelt also resulted in a return of money to the property owners of Keene.

The Community Education program now operates at 171 West Street, and its increased visibility has resulted in more inquiries about its services, whether it be adult education courses, or GED programs.

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A district task force re-

port analyzing staffing and resource allocation was presented to the board in December. It is perhaps the most significant report to be issued in several years and in the coming year; committees will be formed to address its recommendations. If you have not yet, you may read the report at www.sau29.org. In the coming months, please continue to follow school (See School Bd. Report/Page 2)

Co-Superintendent's Report

By William B. Gurney, Co-Superintendent of Schools, SAU 29

As I wrote this column last year, I could never have imagined how exciting the next twelve months were to be. We prepared the 2009-10 warrant articles with the hope that Keene voters would approve a new middle school, an SAU office building and the proposed budget. The Keene Board of Education did a wonderful job presenting the facts in favor of the articles and community members rallied to support the proposals, the

Keene School District First Session Meeting

Time and Place

Saturday, February 6, 2010, 9 a.m.
Keene High School Auditorium
43 Arch Street, Keene, NH
Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Parking

Parking at the high school and St. Margaret Mary Church, 33 Arch Street, Keene

Check-In Procedure

Voters must check in outside the auditorium.
Same day voter registration is **not** available.

Information

Extra copies of this publication and budget summary will be available at the meeting.

middle school bond passed by 86% of the vote. The SAU building also was approved along with the operating budget. This was an incredible and humbling outpouring of support for local education.

I am pleased to report that progress is being made on our building projects. We are on schedule to break ground for the new facilities in early April. Middle school students and staff will enter their new home in the fall of 2011.

A number of initiatives moved forward this year in the Keene School District. At the elementary level, teachers are implementing the second year of the new math program, Everyday Math. During the summer, teachers from across the SAU 29 districts met to revise our social studies, art and world language curricula. Through a partnership with Keene State College, a two-week program for (See Supt.'s Report/Page 7)

School Board Report

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board meetings to stay up-to-date on developments regarding this report. Our meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and are carried live on Channel 8. It is very important that any possible changes within our district maintain the high standard of education we currently have.

In the coming year, we will be starting the process of selling the current SAU administration headquarters at 34 West Street as the office staff will be transitioning to the new SAU building at the Maple Avenue site. As with the rest of our new facilities, the new SAU building will be highly energy efficient and accessible to all citizens - a significant step up from the current facility.

The budget before the voters on this year's warrant was difficult to achieve, and was the result of challenging work done by principals and SAU administrators assessing their needs versus wants. In these challenging economic times, the Keene Board of Education will continue to stress providing each student a great education, while paying attention to the strains felt by the taxpayers. For the next fiscal year, the proposed Article 1 of the warrant represents a 2.35% increase over this year's figure.

Article 2 regards the Keene Association of Principals and Supervisors contract. For the coming fiscal year, there will be no increase in costs over the current agreement. For the second year of the proposed agreement, the increased costs will be \$35,694, reflecting a total average increase of 1.59% with a 2.0% salary increase offset by an increase in employee health contributions.

Article 4 involves the Keene Tutors contract. For the two years of the contract, the tutors would receive a 2.16% and 2.02% average salary increase respectively. For the coming year, the cost of the contract would be \$44,451.

The passage of Article 6 would result in an expendable trust fund to be known as the "school buildings maintenance fund: for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the school buildings within the district." In the first year, if there is a surplus of expense funds in this year's budget, the district would place up to \$100,000 in this fund.

There have been significant challenges imposed upon our district this past year due to federal mandates, and I would like to thank all of our teachers and staff members for their continued dedication to our students. I also thank the work done by the many citizens who have

helped on board committees this past year. All citizens are welcomed and encouraged to attend committee and full board meetings, ask questions, or volunteer. Particularly with the upcoming work of the administrative review task force this year, we will seek strong community participation to steer the course for the future of the Keene School District, always striving to maintain an excellent standard of education for our children.

At any time, if you have questions about the work of the Board of Education, please contact any board member, all of whom have their contact information on the SAU website at www.sau29.org.

Please attend the First Session of the Annual Keene School District Meeting on Saturday February 6, 2010 at 9 a.m. in the Keene High School auditorium. The board will present its proposed budget and seven other important warrant articles.

Keene residents will be able to vote at the Second Session at the polls on Tuesday March 9, 2010. Wards 1, 2, and 3 vote at the Keene Recreation Center.

Wards 4 and 5 vote at the First Baptist Church on Maple Avenue.

Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Same day registration is available.

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Cash on hand July 1, 2008	\$3,437,841
Current appropriation	23,025,244
Revenue from state sources	16,802,898
Revenue from federal sources	2,827,420
Received from tuitions	10,023,739
Interest income	95,236
Sale of Fixed Asset	500,000
Received from all other sources	<u>2,101,689</u>
Total receipts	<u>\$58,814,067</u>
Total available for year	58,814,067
Less school board paid orders	<u>56,042,900</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 2009	\$2,771,167
Respectfully submitted: Daniel J. Antosiewicz, District Treasurer	

General Fund Balance Sheet June 30, 2009

Assets and Other Debts	
Assets	
Cash and Equivalents	\$1,745,667
Investments	
Receivables	
Accounts	\$ 45,658
Intergovernmental	\$ 401,647
Interfund Receivable	\$ 126,763
Prepaid Items	\$ 5,699
Note Receivable	
Current	
Noncurrent	
Total Assets and Other Debts	\$2,325,434
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 333,214
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	\$ 303,308
Intergovernmental Payable	\$ 42,404
Interfund Payable	
Deferred Revenues	\$ 230,261
Other Current Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	\$ 909,187
Equity	
Fund Balance	
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 41,121
Reserved for Endowments	
Reserved for Special Purposes	
Unreserved	
Designated for Special Purposes	
Undesignated	\$ 1,375,126
Total Equity	\$ 1,416,247
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 2,325,434

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science teachers was held in July. The project brought K-12 science teachers and Keene State professors together to learn and develop curriculum. It is hoped the project will serve as a model for future teacher professional development.

Other initiatives moving forward within the district include, the television production program at the Cheshire Career Center. This program will not only give students access to a great career path but will also allow us to offer more programming within our schools and through the local public access station. Our strings program is now being offered to sixth grade students at Keene Middle School and will continue to expand a grade per year in the future. Our elementary band program has also grown dramatically this year. It is wonderful to have more students taking advantage of the district's music programs.

We were pleased to open two new buildings on the high school campus this fall. They were constructed on the Royal Avenue site north of the main high school building. North Campus now houses the alternative program for students previously located at the Roosevelt School and the LIFE program building also opened having moved from its prior location in the Mitchell House. Both programs are doing well in their new surroundings which give greater access to the general high

school program. Roosevelt School is now officially a part of the community college system and classes are expected to start this spring or summer giving Keene residents additional higher education opportunities close to home.

We were disappointed with our state assessment results this year. Although our overall scores were good, we were identified as a district in need of improvement. We worked hard during the spring and summer to develop a plan to address the areas in which we need to improve and will receive our 2009 results this month. A goal of our improvement planning has been to maintain arts and other programs while increasing instruction as necessary to meet our improvement goals. This will not be easy in the years ahead as state mandated targets become more difficult to reach.

To meet the criteria established by the Finance Committee, major decreases in our operating budget have been proposed by our building administrators. The budget calls for the elimination of an administrative position at the elementary and at the high school level. These reductions will require planning and thought but we are confident our staffs are up to this challenge. We have also taken a hard look at teacher/student ratios and have made the decision not to hire a new teacher at the elementary level. These reductions were also recommended in the

Administrative Structure Review Task Force Report and supported by the Keene Board of Education and central office staff.

These innovative programs and initiatives would not have been possible without the continued support of the Keene community. We appreciate your support more than ever given the difficult economic times local families are facing. Our goal is to create a financially responsible budget for next year that supports student learning while being fiscally responsible. We hope to meet your expectations in the future.

Board of Education Meetings

The Keene Board of Education holds regular monthly meetings. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

The meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month in the Large Group Instruction Area (LGIA) at Keene High School, 43 Arch Street, Keene, starting at 6:30 p.m. Input from the public is welcome and is usually the first and last item on the agenda.

The meetings are broadcast live on Cheshire TV, Channel 8.

Compliance Statement

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Director of Human Resources, 34 West Street, Keene, NH.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

William B. Gurney, Co-Superintendent

Second Session Minutes Official Ballot Voting March 10, 2009

FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD (Three years)

Kristin Blais	2195
George W. Fellendorf	986
Robert J. Gaughan	1371
Mark Nugent	916
Carl A. Panza	1576
Amy K. Speas	1423
Write-ins	55

Ms. Blais, Mr. Panza and Ms. Speas were elected.

The vote tally on Questions 1 through 6 were as follows:

	YES	NO	BLANK	TOTAL
1	3026	494	30	3550
2	2216	1247	87	3550
3	3161	286	103	3550
4	2840	475	235	3550
5	3047	336	167	3550
6	2071	1301	178	3550

Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 thereby pass.

At the Second Session of the Annual School District Meeting, Keene, New Hampshire, held Tuesday, March 10, 2009, the above votes of those present and qualified to vote upon the questions presented to the voters, were by the voters given to the Moderator, and said Moderator, in the presence of the on-duty Selectman and Clerks of the appropriate City wards, and assisted by them, sorted and counted said votes, and at the close of the polls made a public declaration of the whole number of ballots given in, with the votes counted as indicated above.

A true record, attest: Carmelina Tonkinson, School District Clerk

The First Session of the Annual Meeting of the Union School District of Keene was called to order at 9:16 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2009, in the auditorium at Keene High School by Clerk Carmelina Tonkinson. The clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The moderator, Mr. Eli Rivera, welcomed the audience and addressed the format of the meeting.

The moderator noted that non-residents would be allowed in the auditorium to observe the meeting's proceedings, but would be seated in a special section. He reminded those present that the official ballot for voting on the questions which result from this meeting will be held at the Second Session of the district meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at two polling locations. Wards 1, 2, & 3 voting will be held at the Keene Recreation Center, 312 Washington Street and Wards 4 & 5 voting will be held at the First Baptist Church, 105 Maple Avenue. He brought our attention to the various handouts available at the front of the auditorium and then noted that non-resident school administrators would be allowed to sit in the front of the auditorium so as to be available for questions.

The moderator reviewed the Rules of Order for the meeting. These included that a majority of voters could overrule the moderator; that motions to amend an article should be submitted in writing for accuracy in the minutes; that no voter would be allowed to speak without permission from the moderator; that nonvoters would not be allowed to speak unless a majority of voters present voted to allow it; that the moderator would attempt to alternate speakers for or against

a motion; that a voice vote would be taken on motions, followed by a division of the house in the event the voice vote cannot be determined; the moderator's declaration of a vote may be challenged orally or in writing by seven or more voters; that voting may be done by a ballot vote upon a request submitted by five or more voters in writing to the moderator; that the auditorium would be closed for a standing vote; and that the moderator would be voting only to break a tie, should one occur.

The moderator took up the warrant at this time and recognized School Board Member Mrs. Elizabeth Coppola, 45 Bradford Road, for the purpose of addressing Article 1.

ARTICLE 1 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,350,000 for the construction and original equipping of a new middle school at property of the District on Maple Avenue with such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the Board of Education to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for this project; and to authorize the Board of Education to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms of such bonds and notes; and to authorize the appropriation of up to an additional \$2,000,000 for such project by way of the income earned on the temporary investment of the bond or note proceeds. (Note: This appropriation is in addition to Article 4, the operating budget article. Approval of this article will require a 60% ballot vote at

the second session. The Board of Education recommends approval of this appropriation and the issuance of the bonds.)

Mr. Neil Donegan moved the acceptance of Article 1. Mr. Chris Coates seconded.

Mrs. Coppola gave a Power Point presentation, outlining the justification for, the benefit of building a new middle school, the estimated state aid and the tax implications resulting from each scenario. Following the presentation by Mrs. Coppola, the moderator entertained questions on Article 1.

Mr. Ted Parent, 242 Beaver Street, questioned the schedule for other bond payments and how they retire. Mrs. Coppola read the requested information to the public and Mr. John Harper spoke about the decline of the present debt service.

Mr. Parent's second question was what happens if we do not receive state aid and Attorney Wrigley responded that there is no provision in the law that forces the state to pay state aide. The state has always paid it, he has not heard that there will be any risk to building aid, and it would be an enormous political problem if they do not.

Mr. John Tonkinson, 18 Newbury Lane, asked for clarification of the schedule and then asked about the additional 2 million dollars in spending to come from the investment of the bond proceeds.

Mr. John Harper explained the interest rates, cash flow and the estimation of the number.

Mr. Tonkinson asked what the money would be spent on and Mr. Harper replied unexpected and unforeseen areas related to the project. Mr. Harper then explained the financing of the project and the pay down of the debt.

Mrs. Ann Szot, 211 Chapman Road, asked why, in the comparison of the amounts (44 million dollars for phased-in repairs versus the cost of a new middle school), is the 44 million an expensed item and not a bond item.

Mrs. Coppola responded that if the bond fails and we are mandated by the state to make repairs year after year the funding needs to be an operating budget item. She explained the procedure for voting if it was a bond item with no guarantee it would pass and stressed the importance of passing Article 1 to build new. Mr. Harper further explained.

Mrs. Anne MacKenzie, 31 Eastern Avenue, asked what the atmosphere would be like at the current middle school for the next 2 years in the event the bond passes and Phase 2 is implemented.

Mrs. Coppola responded that if the bond passes in March we will spend roughly \$350,000 to install an alarm system. Mr. Neil Donegan reported that the work would be done over the summer and there would be no impact to the children.

Mr. John Tonkinson, 18 Newbury Lane, moved to amend Article 1 as follows:

ARTICLE 1 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,350,000 for the construction and original equipping of a new middle school at property of the District on Maple Avenue with such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the Board of Education to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for this project; and to authorize the Board of Educa-

tion to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms of such bonds and notes; and to authorize an additional appropriation for such projects not to exceed the income earned on the temporary investment of the bond or note proceeds. (Note: This appropriation is in addition to Article 4, the operating budget article. Approval of this article will require a 60% ballot vote at the second session. The Board of Education recommends approval of this appropriation and the issuance of the bonds.)

Mr. Neil Donegan seconded. Mr. Tonkinson spoke in favor of his amendment to remove the 2 million dollar figure and limit the additional expenditures to the actual amount that is earned.

Attorney John Wrigley spoke against the amendment and encouraged people to vote against it.

Mr. John Harper explained that the department of revenue likes to see a maximum dollar figure stated and read the language in the Article that says "up to" 2 million dollars.

Mr. Tonkinson spoke again in favor of his amendment.

Mr. Ted Parent spoke against the amendment and urged a no vote.

Being no further discussion on the amendment, the moderator asked for a voice vote on the proposed amendment to Article 1 (moved by Mr. Tonkinson and seconded by Mr. Donegan).

The moderator declared that the amendment to Article 1 failed and entertained further questions on Article 1 as presented.

Mr. Fred Parsells, 11 McKinley Street questioned the issue of eminent domain if the middle school stays downtown and Mrs. Coppola responded that they are not looking at renovation as an option.

Being no further questions from the floor, the moderator asked for a voice vote to be taken on the motion for Article 1 (moved by Mr. Donegan and seconded by Mr. Coates) to appear on the ballot as presented by the Board.

Article 1 appearing on the ballot as presented passes by a voice vote and there being no further questions raised or comments made, the moderator declared that Article 1 would appear on the official ballot as printed.

Mr. Ted Parent, moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 1. Mr. John Tonkinson seconded. A voice vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 1, in accordance with R.S.A. 40:10, was ruled in the affirmative by the moderator.

The moderator recognized School Board Member Elizabeth Coppola, 45 Bradford Road, for the purpose of addressing Article 2.

ARTICLE 2 Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900,000 for the construction and original equipping of a new administrative building for the District and for SAU 29 at property of the District on Maple Avenue with such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the Board of Education to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for this project; and to authorize the Board of Education to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine

the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms of such bonds and notes; and to authorize the appropriation of up to an additional \$100,000 for such project by way of the income earned on the temporary investment of the bond or note proceeds. (Note: This appropriation is in addition to Article 4, the operating budget article. Approval of this article will require a 60% ballot vote at the second session. The Board of Education recommends approval of this appropriation and the issuance of the bonds.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Coppola made a motion to accept Article 2. Mr. Chris Coates seconded.

Following the Power Point presentation by Mrs. Coppola supporting the motion, the moderator entertained questions on Article 2.

Mrs. Mary Lou DePalo, 19 Iceland Circle, asked if the Board's intention was to go through with this project if Article 1 fails and Mrs. Coppola and Attorney John Wrigley responded that we would not sell the bond for Article 2 if Article 1 fails.

Being no further questions from the floor, the moderator asked for a voice vote to be taken on the motion for Article 2 (moved by Mrs. Coppola and seconded by Mr. Coates) to appear on the ballot as presented by the Board.

Article 2 appearing on the ballot as presented passes by a voice vote and there being no further questions raised or comments made, the moderator declared that Article 2 would appear on the official ballot as printed.

Mr. Ted Parent moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 2. Mr. John Tonkinson seconded.

A voice vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 2, in accordance with R.S.A. 40:10,

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was ruled in the affirmative by the moderator.

The moderator recognized School Board Chair, Mr. Neil Donegan, 13 Wildwood Road, for the purpose of addressing Article 3.

ARTICLE 3 If Article 1 passes, shall the District authorize the Board of Education to negotiate with the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration a reduction in the amount to be raised by taxation not to exceed \$965,000, the purpose of such reduction being safety projects no longer required at the current Keene Middle School because the District is building a new middle school.

Mr. Neil Donegan made a motion to accept Article 3, Mr. Donald Parker seconded.

Following the information presented by Mr. Neil Donegan, the moderator entertained questions on Article 3.

Being no questions from the floor, the moderator asked for a voice vote to be taken on the motion for Article 3 (moved by Mr. Donegan and seconded by Mr. Parker) to appear on the ballot as presented by the Board.

Article 3 appearing on the ballot as presented passes by a voice vote and there being no further questions raised or comments made, the moderator declared that Article 3 would appear on the official ballot as printed.

Mr. Ted Parent moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 3. Mr. John Tonkinson seconded.

A voice vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 3, in accordance with R.S.A. 40:10, was ruled in the affirmative by the moderator.

The moderator recognized School Board Chair, Mr. Neil Donegan, 13 Wildwood Road, for the purpose of addressing

Article 4.

ARTICLE 4 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 \$59,169,115. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$59,736,405, 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 1, 2, and 5).

Mr. Neil Donegan made a motion to accept Article 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Coppola seconded.

Following the information presented by Mr. Neil Donegan, Mr. William Gurney and Ms. Catherine Reeves and the Power Point presentation pertaining to the plan for reduction of staff, the moderator entertained questions on Article 4.

Mr. John Tonkinson, 19 Newbury Road, asked - if the bond passes and we spend approximately \$350,000 next year to fix to the middle school, will there be additional needs in following years and Mr. Donegan responded that this one year fix for an alarm system/safety issue should keep the building safe enough to get us through the construction of the new school. Mr. Tonkinson then asked if the strings program at the middle school was in the proposed budget and Mr. Donegan responded yes. Mr. Tonkinson asked for further clarification

and numbers pertaining to the reduction in tutors and Ms. Catherine Reeves responded with specific numbers and percentages.

Ms. Sarah Palermo, 151 Court Street, asked what the staff impact would be if the main budget article fails and the default budget kicks in and Mr. Donegan responded it would be the new board's decision to spend as they see fit.

Mr. Ted Parent asked Attorney Wrigley to clarify that, no matter what amount of money is raised from this group today, the board has the discretion to spend it any way it wants and Attorney Wrigley responded that was correct.

Mrs. Misty Martinez-Bohanon, 74 Dale Drive, asked if members of the public were on the tutor study committee and Ms. Reeves responded there were not.

Mr. Carl Panza, 88 Stearns Road, asked for clarification of the \$513,000 for the special education students that are in out of district placements and Mr. Donegan and Ms. Reeves explained that these were students that moved into our district through the school year and it was determined that we did not have a program to meet their needs. They do not qualify for the IDEA grant.

Mrs. Kathy Blair, 175 West Surrey Road, asked if there is a plan to track and study the change in numbers of students who are currently included in regular classrooms, and because of the reduction in tutor support, will be referred to collaborative programs and out of district placements. Ms. Cathy Reeves explained the collaborative programs and the

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is currently looking at, and will continue to look at, these trends and how they unfold.

Ms. Diane Metell, 19 Salisbury Road, proposed an amendment to Article 4 and made a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$445,290 to maintain current staffing levels of tutors and para-professionals at the elementary level.

The moderator ruled that the request was out of order because it was aimed at a line item and that Ms. Metell specified what the money was to be used for. The moderator further explained that Ms. Metell may make a motion to increase the money but cannot tell the board what the money is to be used for.

Ms. Diane Metell, 19 Salisbury Road, made a revised motion to "increase the budget by a sum of \$445,290." Mr. William Garvey seconded.

The moderator stated the new proposed budget with requested amendment would be \$59,614,405.

Mr. Donegan introduced the tax increase to be \$23.10 on a \$100,000 house.

There being no further questions, the moderator asked for a voice vote to be taken on the motion to amend Article 4 (moved by Ms. Metell and seconded by Mr. Garvey).

The amendment to Article 4 appearing on the ballot as amended passes by a voice vote and the moderator declared that Article 4 would appear on the official ballot as amended.

Mr. Tonkinson challenged the ruling and asked for a division of the house. There was a second to the challenge and the moderator called for a secret ballot vote.

Mr. Tonkinson challenged the secret ballot method and the

moderator stated that he can choose the method of voting.

Mr. Parent asked for point of order to allow checkers to come in and vote and requested clarification on what to do with the ballots once cast. The moderator granted his request and directed attention to the 2 wooden ballot boxes at the back of the auditorium.

After all the ballot votes were cast and tallied, the moderator announced 52 votes were cast in favor of the amendment and 41 votes were cast opposed to the amendment.

Article 4 appearing on the ballot as amended passes by a secret ballot vote and there being no further questions raised or comments made, the moderator declared that Article 4 would appear on the official ballot as amended.

Mr. Ted Parent moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 4. Mr. John Tonkinson seconded.

A voice vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 4, in accordance with R.S.A. 40:10, was ruled in the affirmative by the moderator.

The moderator apologized and stated there were 3 more questions from the floor pertaining to Article 4 and invited those people to speak.

Ms. Patti Kelleher, 24 Red Oak Drive, spoke in favor of the amendment of Article 4.

Mrs. Mary Lou DePalo, 19 Iceland Circle, declined comment.

Mr. Alan Stroschine, 27 Salisbury Road, declined comment.

The moderator recognized School Board Member, Mr. Chris Coates, 30 Gilsum Street, for the purpose of addressing Article 5. ARTICLE 5 Shall the District authorize the Board of Education to sell the Roosevelt School real estate on Washington Street to

the State of New Hampshire or its designated higher education agency for a sum of not less than \$1,010,000; and to appropriate and expend \$600,000.00 of the proceeds of such sale at 30 Royal Avenue for purposes of relocating the "TNT" and "Life Education" programs, with the balance of the proceeds of sale to be applied to reduce taxation. (Note: The funds for the proposed expenditure at 30 Royal Avenue are not included in Article 4).

Mr. Coates made a motion to accept Article 5. Mr. Neil Donegan seconded.

Following the presentation by Mr. Coates supporting the motion, the moderator entertained questions on Article 5.

Ms. Sharyn D'Eon, 28 Putnam Street, asked where the media collection (CIRTT) and the school district technicians would be housed after the sale of Roosevelt and what the cost associated with the move was. Mr. Gurney explained the move and new location of each program and the approval of a Perkins Grant to fund the move to do so.

Mr. Ted Parent asked for further information pertaining to the \$600,000 amount being used for this project and Mr. Coates clarified.

Mrs. Ann Szot asked for clarification pertaining to students that attend the TNT program and reasons for. Mr. Gurney responded that their participation in the program is driven by their IEP and Ms. Reeves talked about discrimination and presented information regarding our obligation to educate these children with the same programs and opportunities as all other children. Mr. Donegan explained the mandate to move the programs closer to the High School.

Following the information presented by Mr. Coates, the moderator entertained further questions on Article 5. Being no questions from the floor, the moderator asked for a voice vote to be taken on the motion for Article 5 (moved by Mr. Coates and seconded by Mr. Donegan) to appear on the ballot as presented by the Board. Article 5 appearing on the ballot as presented passes by a voice vote and there being no further

questions raised or comments made, the moderator declared that Article 6 would appear on the official ballot as printed.

Mr. Neil Donegan, Board Chair, recognized and thanked each of the three outgoing board members, Mr. Erik Murphy, Mrs. Shannon Sullivan and Mrs. Elizabeth Coppola.

Mr. Ted Parent made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the district, upon a motion made and seconded by several voters, and upon a voice vote, the meeting was declared adjourned by the moderator at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dru Fox Stenographer

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ARTICLE 6 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?

Following the information presented by Mr. Coates, the moderator entertained questions on Article 6.

Being no questions from the floor, the moderator asked for a voice vote to be taken on the motion for Article 6 (moved by Mr. Coates and seconded by Mr. Donegan) to appear on the ballot as presented by the Board.

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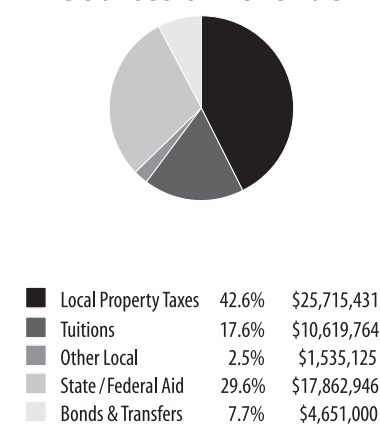
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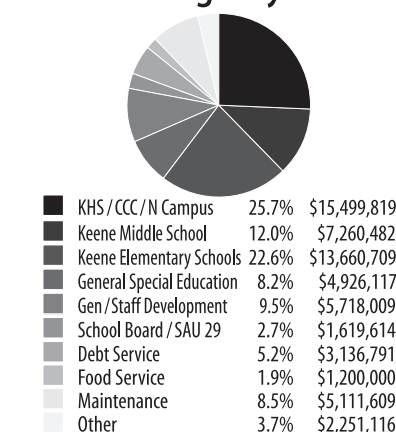
2010 - 2011 Proposed Keene School District Budget

Expense Accounts	2009/10 BUDGET	2010/11 PROPOSED	Revenue Accounts	2009/10 BUDGET	2010/11 PROPOSED
INSTRUCTION			Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 1,375,125	\$ 1,375,125
Regular Instruction	\$19,559,488	\$19,933,990	REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES		
Special Education	\$11,162,666	\$11,029,860	N.H. State Revenue Aid	\$10,613,964	\$10,613,964
Vocational Programs	\$ 1,222,453	\$ 1,287,998	N.H. State Property Tax	\$ 4,150,521	\$ 4,150,521
Co-Curricular	\$ 670,204	\$ 668,897	N.H. Building Aid	\$ 890,936	\$ 1,689,810
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$32,614,811	\$32,920,745	N.H. Voc Tuition	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
SUPPORT SERVICES			N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$ 1,708,651	\$ 1,108,651
Attendance & Outreach Services	\$ 25,440	\$ 26,344	Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Guidance	\$ 1,325,636	\$ 1,426,460	Sub-Total	\$17,664,072	\$17,862,946
Health	\$ 572,489	\$ 594,932	REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES		
Psychological	\$ 1,088,921	\$ 795,729	Tuition	\$10,019,764	\$10,619,764
Speech Path. & Audiology	\$ 985,811	\$ 1,012,705	Academy Fund	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Physical & Occupational Therapy	\$ 480,263	\$ 463,450	Net Sale of Real Estate (Article #5)	\$ 410,000	\$ 0
Student Support Services	\$ 814,310	\$ 951,242	Other Local	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Curriculum & Staff Development	\$ 394,403	\$ 234,227	Sub-Total	\$10,739,764	\$10,929,764
Library/Media	\$ 836,638	\$ 876,093	REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Consultation to Staff	\$ 46,934	\$ 36,400	Bond Proceeds	\$ 0	\$ 0
School Board Expense	\$ 255,253	\$ 254,365	Transfer Accounts	\$ 4,501,000	\$ 4,501,000
Share NHS AU # 29	\$ 1,429,885	\$ 1,363,329	Expendable Trusts	\$ 0	\$ 0
School Administration	\$ 3,655,837	\$ 3,685,219	Sub-Total	\$ 4,501,000	\$ 4,501,000
Building Services	\$ 4,833,070	\$ 4,775,959	TOTAL REVENUE	\$34,279,961	\$34,668,835
Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,666,074	\$ 1,809,084	DISTRICT ASSESSMENT		
Information Management	\$ 957,708	\$ 941,391	(Property Tax)	\$24,719,444	\$25,715,431
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$19,418,672	\$19,246,929	Total Funds Available	\$58,999,405	\$60,384,266
Site/Building Improvements	\$ 291,322	\$ 428,801			
Keene Middle School Improvements	\$ 350,000	\$ 0			
Debt Service	\$ 1,673,600	\$3,136,791			
Total Transfers	\$ 4,651,000	\$ 4,651,000			
TOTAL OTHER OUTLAYS	\$ 6,965,922	\$ 8,216,592			
Grand total Appropriations	\$ 58,999,405	\$60,384,266			

Sources of Revenue



Percent of Budget by Cost Center



Percent of Budget by Function

