

**MINUTES OF THE
HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

Moderator Tom Csatari called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 2020. Present were School Board members: Kimberly Hartmann, Jonathan Hunt, Rick Johnson, Benjamin Keeney, Kelly McConnell; Administrators: Superintendent Jay Badams, Business Administrator Jamie Teague; and seven members of the Finance Committee and the public. Moderator Csatari explained that this was the discussion phase of the meeting, and that the voting phase would take place Tuesday, March 3, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Hanover High School Cafeteria. He noted where and when the Warrant had been duly posted in Hanover.

Moderator Csatari then recognized Hanover School Board Chair Kelly McConnell, who introduced the Board members. Superintendent Bass introduced district administrators who were in attendance.

After Mr. Csatari reviewed the guidelines for the District meeting, he read the Warning.

ARTICLE 1: To elect by written ballot for one-year terms a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer; and two School Board members for a three-year term.

Moderator Csatari read the positions to be voted on, and the names of the candidates running. Member of the public Marcela DiBlasi spoke saying that she is a write-in candidate for the open school board position. She noted some of her background and offered to answer any questions.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the District appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) from the Don S. Bridgman Fund during the 2020-2021 fiscal year in order to afford additional advantages to the students of the District not provided by taxes?

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Kelly McConnell spoke to this article and noted some of the enrichment projects that had been done over the last 18 months.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the District determine and fix the salaries of School District Officers as follows: School Board members \$700 per member with Board Chair receiving an additional \$300; School District Treasurer \$1,888; School District Clerk \$150; and School District Moderator \$150, in accordance with RSA 194:10, and further raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Eight (\$7,388) to fund these salaries?

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Ben Keeney spoke to this article for the board.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the District raise and appropriate the amount of Fifteen Million, Six Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$15,692,782) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for teachers and other school employees, and School District officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year? This sum does not include the funds appropriated in any of the other articles.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Kim Hartmann used a slide show to speak to this article for the board. She noted that the main increase in the budget is due to a larger class 6 size and the resulting increase in tuition payments to be made to the Dresden District for the education of the Hanover 6th graders. The K-5 Ray School has an increase in the number of students as well. The operating budget increase is also due to the negotiated wage increases, a 5% increase on health rates, and an increase of 3.53 FTE's in the support staff area of special education aides and tutor hours. The total increase over last year's budget is \$1,107,010 or 7.57%. The total increase in budget assessment for this article and article #3 after applying projected revenues is \$700,395 or 5.16% and is projected to add \$.019 to the tax rate per \$1000. Ms. Hartmann mentioned the high Ray School test scores as well the wonderful learning opportunities at the school.

Kari Asmus reviewed the structure of the Finance Committee and presented their views of the proposed Hanover budget. She said that they had voted unanimously to support it. She noted the quality of the process. They did have several suggestions for future budgets including keeping an eye on the fluctuations in the number of students and the staff salaries and being aware of the windfalls in some years that may skew the percentage increases or decreases.

There was no public comment.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the school district vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Hanover School District 6th Grade Tuition Fund previously established? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 in excess of \$200,000. (The first \$200,000 of the June 30 unreserved fund balance will be used to reduce the school tax rate in 2020-21). No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Jonathan Hunt spoke to this article for the board. Noting that the 6th Grade Tuition Fund was created to help offset the variability component in the Ray School budget due to class size changes. This year's Ray School budget includes the use of \$270,000 from this fund to ease the burden of the high number of 6th grade students being tuitioned to the Richmond School. That use of the Fund depleted the Fund balance so the board proposed this article to begin to build it back up.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any non-substantive business that may legally come before the discussion phase of this meeting.

Moderator Csatari reminded everyone of the voting date and locations. There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Results of Australian Balloting on March 3, 2020

Article 1 (Record of Election of Officers)

Moderator:	36 write-ins
Clerk:	Robert Grabill (389)
Treasurer:	Daniel Stannard (395)
Hanover School Board	Kimberly Hartmann (365) Marcela DiBlasi (155 Write-Ins)

Article 2 (Bridgman Fund))

Yes: 433

No: 37

Blank: 5

Article 3 (Board and Officer salaries)

Yes: 428

No: 41

Blank: 6

Article 4 (Operating Budget)

Yes: 404

No: 65

Blank: 6

Article 5 (6th Grade Tuition Fund)

Yes: 419

No: 46

Blank: 10

I hereby certify this to be a true and accurate report of the proceedings of the meeting of February 27, 2020, and results of voting held March 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Grabill

