

# Hanover School District 2023-2024 Proposed Warrant Articles

## WARRANT FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING WARRANT ARTICLES APPLY TO THE OPERATION OF THE HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES THE OPERATION OF THE BERNICE A. RAY SCHOOL, GRADES K-5 AND THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS OF THE HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT AS THESE RELATE TO BOTH THE PRESCHOOL POPULATION AND APPLICABLE SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FROM HANOVER UP TO AGE 22.

The legal voters of Town of Hanover (New Hampshire) School District are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

**DISCUSSION PHASE:** Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 5:00 P.M., at the Hanover High School Auditorium, Hanover, New Hampshire. A virtual option will be available to attend via Zoom link and the information will be shared via the SAU70 District website at [SAU70.org](http://SAU70.org).

**VOTING PHASE:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Hanover High School Gymnasium in Hanover, New Hampshire (for Hanover voters) and in Tracy Hall in Norwich, Vermont (for Norwich voters). **Absentee ballots will be available ahead of the in-person voting date.**

During the discussion phase, the voters shall have the opportunity to discuss the following Warrant Articles and to transact any non-substantive business that may legally be acted on during the discussion phase under Article 9.

All voting on Warrant Articles 1 through 9 shall be conducted by secret written ballot during the voting phase, as outlined in Chapter 160 of the 2004 session laws of the New Hampshire Legislature entitled "An Act Relative to the Voting Procedures in the Hanover School District."

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect by written ballot for one-year terms a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer; and two (2) School Board members for three-year terms.

*The positions noted above are voted on annually. The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the Hanover section of the annual report. Information on each position is available in the Superintendent's office.*

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the District appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) from the Don S. Bridgman Fund during the 2023-2024 fiscal year in order to afford additional advantages to the students of the District not provided by taxes?

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**NOTE 1.** In his will dated January 20, 1917, Don S. Bridgman left a portion of his estate to what is now the Hanover School District. These monies are known as the Bridgman Fund and are currently invested to provide a stream of income for years to come. Expenditures from the fund are used for projects that would not be covered in the school's regular operating budget. Monies are taken only from the Bridgman Trust Fund, so this appropriation has no effect on the tax rate.

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**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the District determine and fix the salaries of School District Officers as follows: School Board members \$700 per member with additional \$300 for School Board Chair; School District Treasurer \$1,955; 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, Four Hundred and Fifty-four Dollars (\$7,454) to fund these salaries?

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**NOTE 1.** This article requests \$700 as the salary for School Board members, the same stipend as last year. The salaries for School District Clerk and Moderator remain unchanged, there is a small increase for the Treasurer position. This article's effect on the tax rate is negligible.

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the District vote to approve the cost items in the two (2) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hanover Service Staff and the Hanover School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Estimated Increase

Year	Over status quo budget
2023-2024	\$4,054
2024-2025	\$6,840

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand, Fifty-Four Dollars (\$4,054), such sum representing the estimated increase in teaching staff salaries and benefits for the 2023-2024 fiscal year brought about by this collective bargaining agreement (majority vote required)?

The School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

**NOTE 1.** The sum necessary to pay the so-called status quo salaries and benefits for teaching staff if this article is defeated is included in the operating budget in Article 5.

**NOTE 2.** A favorable vote on this article shall be considered the approval of the cost items in both years (2) of the proposed collective bargaining agreement.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the District raise and appropriate the amount of Fifteen Million, One Hundred Sixteen Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$15,116,163) 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 2023-2024 fiscal year? This sum does not include the funds appropriated in any of the other articles.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the school district will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5.0 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4- b, II. (Majority vote required)? [currently our retainage is allowed up to 2.5%]

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the school district will vote to discontinue the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Tuition Fund that was created on March 6, 2007. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund to be used as revenue to offset the budget assessment. (Majority vote required)  
[currently projected at \$381,000]

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the district vote to appropriate up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the Education of Persons with

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Disabilities established at the District Meeting of March 19, 1986, with said funds to come *solely from any year-end unassigned general fund balance over and above \$700,000?*

**ARTICLE 9:** To affirm that the Hanover School Board will consider establishing policies to support the transitioning of school facilities and operations to 100% renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and 100% renewable sources of heating/cooling and transportation by 2050. Strategies for moving forward will seek effective and sustainable outcomes while being fiscally responsible.

**NOTE 1.** The Hanover community adopted these 100% renewable energy goals by unanimous vote at the 2017 Town Meeting. Since then, the Town, many businesses and residents, Dartmouth College and other organizations have begun to transition their energy usage to reach these 100% goals by their target dates.

**ARTICLE 10:** To transact any non-substantive business that may legally come before the discussion phase of this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at said Hanover this 11th and 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

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Antonia Barry

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Marcela Di Blasi, Vice Chair

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Kimberly Hartmann

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Richard Johnson, Jr.

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Benjamin Keeney, Chair

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Kelly McConnell

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Deborah Bacon Nelson

HANOVER SCHOOL BOARD

Robert L. Grabill, Clerk  
Hanover School District