

**BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2024 WARRANTS**

February 7, 2024 and March 12, 2024

To the inhabitants of the Brookline School District, in the Town of Brookline in the County of Hillsborough, and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy in said district on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 (snow date: February 9, 2024), at 6:30 p.m., for Session I (Deliberation), for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot. This session shall consist of the explanation of all the warrant articles and the discussion and debate of warrant articles 1 through 8. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion as amended and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

You are hereby further notified to meet at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to vote by official ballot for the election of School District officers and other action required to be inserted on the official ballot (warrant articles 1 through 11).

Article 1. Election of Officers. To elect all necessary School District officers for the ensuing terms by official ballot vote on March 12, 2024, Captain Samuel Douglass Academy, 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.:

- To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- To choose one (1) member of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.

Article 2. To see if the Brookline School District will vote to approve the cost of items included in year three of a four-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Brookline School Board and the Brookline Education Support Staff Association for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years, which calls for the following increase in support staff salaries and benefits at the already approved 2024-2025 staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Additional Increase</u>
2024-2025	\$93,370
2025-2026	\$7,100

Total Additional Increase: \$100,470

and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of **\$93,370** for the third fiscal year (2024-2025 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in support staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the already approved 2024-2025 staffing levels. Majority vote required. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.08/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 4-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 3. To see if the Brookline School District will vote to 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 **\$11,970,361**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$11,771,665**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required

by previous action of the school 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 a revised operating budget only. Majority vote required to pass. Estimated Tax Impact: \$6.99/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 4-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Brookline School District adopt a school administrative unit budget of \$2,377,762 for the forthcoming fiscal year in which **\$473,655** is assigned to the school budget of this school district? This year's adjusted budget of \$2,356,823 with \$469,484 assigned to the school budget of this school district will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the school district voters voting in this school administrative unit. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.41/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 4-0-0. The Finance Committee does NOT recommend this article 2-1-0.**

Article 5: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to **\$156,000** to be added to the previously established School Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund from the June 30th unassigned fund balance (surplus). Estimated Tax Impact: Foregoing a potential rate reduction: \$0.13/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 4-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 6: Petition Warrant Article: To end membership in the New Hampshire School Board Association, shall the Brookline School District zero out budget line item "Dues" 10.2310.810.00? **The School Board does NOT recommend this article 4-0-0. The Finance Committee does NOT recommend this article 1-0-2.**

Article 7: Petition Warrant Article: Shall the school district rescind the provisions of RSA 198:20-b "Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds Made Available During Year" so that the school board may not accept or expend unanticipated funds during the current school year up to and including donations, grants and other sources that may alleviate taxpayer burden? **The School Board does NOT recommend this article 4-0-0.**

Article 8: Petition Warrant Article: To potentially reduce the Brookline property tax burden, shall the Brookline School District rescind authorization under RSA 198:4-b II so that the Brookline School District no longer retains any unassigned general funds under RSA 198: 4-b II, thereby leaving the School Board without a contingency fund for unexpected expenditures? **The School Board does NOT recommend this article 4-0-0. The Finance Committee does NOT recommend this article 3-0-0.**

Article 9: Petition Warrant Article: Shall the school district advise the Brookline School Board to cease the funding and use of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum and instruction in all of schools of the Brookline School District leaving our schools without standardized best practices for helping our students with social emotional life skills? **The School Board does NOT recommend this article 4-0-0.**

Article 10: Petition Warrant Article: Shall the Brookline School District pursuant to RSA 194-C:2, I begin the process of potentially withdrawing from SAU41 by creating a committee in accordance with RSA 194-C:2, IV(a)? **The School Board does NOT recommend this article 4-0-0.**

Article 11: To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting?

