

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL ELECTION
MARCH 8, 2016
SWANZEY**


SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MODERATOR	SCHOOL BOARD	BUDGET COMMITTEE
Vote for not One Year Term more than ONE	Vote for not Three Year Term more than TWO	Vote for not Three Year Term more than TWO
BILL HUTWELKER <input type="radio"/>	ERIC STANLEY <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	PATRICIA BAURIES <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	MELISSA DIVEN <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	CHERYL McDANIEL - THOMAS <input type="radio"/>	BUDGET COMMITTEE
	<input type="radio"/>	Vote for not One Year Term more than ONE
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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ARTICLES

ARTICLE ONE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate in the operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, which will be voted on separately, totaling \$32,153,183 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget will be \$31,945,801 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Monadnock Regional School District by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee does not support this article. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 for renovations, including asbestos abatement and other health and safety upgrades at the Mount Caesar Elementary School. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2019 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required).

YES
NO

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the continued asbestos abatement at the Middle/High School. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2019 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

ARTICLE FOUR: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,500.00 to be added to the 2012 Before and After School Expendable Trust Fund created under Article #8 of the 2012-2013 Warrant? The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Emergency Fuel Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2016 fund balance available for transfer on July 1st, 2016. No new amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required).

YES
NO

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to discontinue the 1975 Capital Reserve Fund. (Note: accumulated funds are approximately \$1,475.00) The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required).

YES
NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock District Education Association (MDEA) for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels.

The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase:	
2016-17	\$ 200,450	Salaries (2.36% increase)
	\$ 4,000	Increase in stipend for teaching two grades
	\$ 89,257 *	Insurance
	\$ 4,000	Stipend for overnight trips
	\$ 8,000	Additional costs for professional development
	\$ 5,000	Increase for tuition reimbursement
	\$ 1,225	Increase in stipend for class coverage/substitute
	\$ 51,930	Wage-driven benefits (Social Security, NHRS, etc.)
	<u>\$ 363,862</u>	Salaries and Benefits

*\$89,257 to come from the unassigned fund balance

2017-18	\$ 178,410	Salaries (2.06% increase)
	\$ 175,912 **	Insurance
	\$ 41,605	Wage-driven benefits (Social Security, NHRS, etc.)
	<u>\$ 395,927</u>	Salaries and Benefits

**\$175,912 to come from the unassigned fund balance

2018-19	\$ 174,910	Salaries (1.97% increase)
	\$ 188,195 ***	Insurance
	\$ 40,789	Wage-driven benefits (Social Security, NHRS, etc.)
	<u>\$ 403,894</u>	Salaries and Benefits

***\$188,195 to come from the unassigned fund balance

YES

NO

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$363,862** for the 2016-17 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2015-16 year. Further authorize the sum of \$89,257 to come from unassigned fund balance. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE EIGHT: Shall the voters of the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate the amount of \$59,645.00 for the purpose of funding a part-time School Resource Officer at the High School/Middle School? This position is in addition to the Districtwide School Security Officer which is currently funded in the operating budget. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,500 to perform renovations to the multimedia sound systems at each of the district's school facilities, including the Monadnock Regional Middle High School gymnasium, library, auditorium, athletic tower, and the multi-purpose rooms at Cutler, Emerson, Gilsum and Troy. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

YES

NO

ARTICLE TEN: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required).

YES

NO

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To listen to opinions of a purely advisory nature with regards to the conduct of school affairs for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required).

YES

NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING