

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DRESDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. **To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice like this . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
2. **To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space like this .

<p style="text-align: center;">FOR DISTRICT MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>One-year Term</p> <p>RYAN FLATLEY (HANOVER) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR DISTRICT TREASURER</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>One-year Term</p> <p>CHERYL A. LINDBERG (NORWICH) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR DISTRICT AUDITOR</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Two-year Term</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FOR DISTRICT CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>One-year Term</p> <p>CAROLE E. BIBEAU (NORWICH) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR DISTRICT AUDITOR</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>One-year Term</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR DISTRICT AUDITOR</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Three-year Term</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Dresden School District determine and fix the salaries of School District officers as follows: School Board members \$1,000 per member with an additional \$300 for School Board Chair; School District Treasurer \$2,777; School District Clerk \$500; and School District Moderator \$300 in accordance with Article V-A of the NH/VT Interstate School Compact, and further raise and appropriate the amount of Fifteen Thousand, Eight Hundred, Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$15,877) to fund these salaries?
The Dresden School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

YES
NO

All salary amounts are status quo other than the Treasurer, whose amount is adjusted each year by 2%. This article's effect on the tax rate is negligible.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Dresden School District vote to approve the cost items in the three (3) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Dresden-Hanover Service Staff AFSCME, Local #1348 and the Dresden School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase Over status quo budget
2026-2027	\$101,809
2027-2028	\$99,100
2028-2029	\$92,784

and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred One Thousand, Eight Hundred Nine Dollars (\$101,809), such sum representing the estimated increase in service staff salaries and benefits for the 2026-2027 fiscal year brought about by this collective bargaining agreement (majority vote required)?
The Dresden School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

NOTE 1. The sum necessary to pay the so-called status quo salaries and benefits for the support staff if this article is defeated is included in the operating budget in Article 4.

YES
NO

NOTE 2. A favorable vote on this article shall be considered the approval of the cost items in all three (3) years of the proposed collective bargaining agreement.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Dresden School District raise and appropriate the amount of Thirty-Three Million, Seven Hundred Five Thousand, One Hundred Nine Dollars (\$33,705,109), for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the teachers and other school employees, school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year? This sum does not include the sums appropriated in any of the other articles.

The Dresden School Board recommends this article and appropriation.

NOTE 1. (a) The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a): Richmond Middle School: \$27,496. Hanover High School: \$27,545.

YES

(b) Richmond Middle School achievement proficiency scores obtained from the Department of Education for the preceding year: ELA Proficiency: 85%; Math Proficiency 72%; Science Proficiency 68%. Hanover High School achievement proficiency scores: ELA 96%; Math 82%; Science 76%.

NO

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Dresden School District will vote to ratify acceptance of the following privately donated trust funds for the purpose of providing student awards, and further, to designate the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Town of Hanover as the trustees to hold the funds in accordance with NH RSA 31:31 (majority vote required):

William Murphy Lamp of Learning Award Scholarship. Created in 2008 from a private donation. Income earned to be used for an annual \$100 "Murph Award" for outstanding achievement in the field of history.

Emil Rueb Photography Trust. Created in 2002 from a bequest. Income earned to be used for an annual "Emil Rueb Photography Prize."

Jeremiah Ice Hockey Fund. Created in 1975 from a bequest. "For the benefit of the hockey team with the interest only Expended each year."

D.W. Bruce Prize Fund. Created in 1971 from a bequest. Income earned on gift is to be used for an annual American History Essay Prize.

YES

Per NH RSA 31:31 Trust Funds for Districts, these funds require a vote to be legally established and held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. These funds do not have an impact on the tax rate, as they were established through donations, living trusts, wills, etc.

NO

ARTICLE 6: Question: "Non Monetary. JV Hockey Approval. Shall SAU 70, the School District and/or Hanover High School recognize, support, and endorse a privately funded and administered boys' and girls' junior varsity hockey team so as to enable and authorize such a team to play interscholastic junior varsity hockey under New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association rules? This obligation would be sustained and open-ended, but does not require the SAU, the School District or Hanover High School to pay for ice time, equipment, fees, insurance, or any other outlay, nor to field a junior varsity hockey team if a privately funded junior varsity hockey team is not privately mobilized and created?"

At present Hanover High School does not field a JV Hockey Team. However, there is significant demand in the pipeline for boys and girls high school hockey. There are enough players at present, and for the foreseeable future, to support a boys JV Hockey Team and possibly a girls JV Hockey Team. Understanding that the School District is not yet prepared to support JV Hockey Teams financially, local families are ready, willing, and able to fund and administratively support a JV Hockey Team through private donations and per player fees. However, in order to play against other New Hampshire high schools in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association, a privately funded JV Hockey Team would still need to be operated under the auspices and authority of Hanover High School. The proposed warrant article would require SAU 70, the School District and/or Hanover High School to endorse and support such a team, such that it would be able to play other JV Hockey Teams under NHIAA rules. This article is not intended to affect the budget, as the team is intended to be privately funded, supported, insured, organized and coached, albeit under the final authority of the Hanover High School Principal and/or her designee, which is a requirement of the NHIAA. Players would be required to meet all NHIAA eligibility requirements.

YES

NO

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