

**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION  
NEWTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024**

*Phyllis A Kennedy*  
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.

<b>SCHOOL BOARD FROM NEWTON</b>	<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE FROM NEWTON</b>
<small>Vote for not Three Year Term more than One</small>	<small>Vote for not One Year Term more than One</small>	<small>Vote for not Three Year Term more than One</small>
HEATHER INGHAM <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT DEZMELYK <input type="radio"/>	TERRI BECKETT <input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
<b>SCHOOL BOARD FROM NEWTON</b>		
<small>Vote for not One Year Term more than One</small>		
KENNETH HAMILTON <input type="radio"/>		
CHARLIE MELVIN, SR. <input type="radio"/>		
<input type="radio"/>		
(Write-in)		

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 2. General Acceptance of Reports**

Shall the reports of school district agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen be accepted and placed on file?

YES ☐  
NO ☐

**ARTICLE 3. Operating Budget**

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District 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 at the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirty-nine Million, Four Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty-nine Dollars (\$39,444,569)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Thirty-nine Million, Four Hundred and Forty-seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars (\$39,447,885), the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Sanborn Regional 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. (This warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

**Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 6 Opposed: 2**

**Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0**

**Operating Budget Estimated Tax Impact: Kingston: \$(0.16) / \$1,000 Newton: \$0.43 / \$1,000**

**Default Budget Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$(0.16) / \$1,000 Newton: \$0.43 / \$1,000**

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE 4. Professional Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement for professional staff reached between the School Board and the Sanborn Regional Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increases</u>
1) 2024-2025	\$ 777,464
2) 2025-2026	\$ 994,990
3) 2026-2027	\$ 917,603

YES ☐

NO ☐

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars (\$777,464) for the 2024-25 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels? Majority Vote Required.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 7 Opposed 0 Abstained 1**

**Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0**

**Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$0.30 / \$1,000 Newton: \$0.56 / \$1,000**

### ARTICLE 5. Special Meeting – Professional Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only?

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0**

### ARTICLE 6. Unanticipated Utility Costs Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Unanticipated Utility Costs Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 instead of returning the money to the community to offset taxes. No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority Vote Required.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0**

**Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0**

**Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$0.00 / \$1,000 Newton: \$0.00 / \$1,000**

### ARTICLE 7. Capital Reserve Fund-Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District Vote to raise and appropriate up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Capital Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 instead of returning the money to the community to offset taxes. No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority Vote Required.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0**

**Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0**

**Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$0.00 / \$1,000 Newton: \$0.00 / \$1,000**

### ARTICLE 8. Special Education Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Sanborn Regional School District vote to raise and appropriate up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 instead of returning the money to the community to offset taxes. No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority Vote Required.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Recommended by the Budget Committee In Favor: 7 Opposed: 1**

**Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0**

**Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$0.00 / \$1,000 Newton: \$0.00 / \$1,000**

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