

2027 Newmarket School District Budget

March 10th, Tuesday
Election Day
Town Hall Auditorium
7 AM - 7 PM

Warrant Articles Overview

Article 1: Election of School District Officers

- Roles and candidates:
 - **School District Moderator:** Christopher D. Hawkins
 - **School District Clerk:** Terri J. Littlefield
 - **School District Treasurer:** Annette Brousseau
 - **School Board Member:** Elizabeth Szeliga

Article 2: Proposed Budget for 2027

- **Total Budget:** \$30,547,370 (4.35% increase)
- Key Points:
 - Repurposing of unfilled positions for behavioral health support
 - Includes voter-approved teacher salary increases and a 20% health insurance increase
 - Cost per pupil included in \$39M bond for school infrastructure investment

School Board recommends 5-0. Budget Committee recommends 5-0

Article 3: NSSA Contract

- **Scope:** 4-year agreement for paraeducators and tutors
- Key Points:
 - Impact on student learning and development
 - The salary schedule promotes attracting and keeping the best professionals in Newmarket.
 - Encourages professional growth and training with incentives for education and certifications.
 - Budget predictability and stability

School Board recommends 5-0. Budget Committee recommends 5-0

Article 4: Special Meeting Contingency

- **Purpose:** Address Article 3 cost items if defeated

Article 5: Insurance and Benefits Expendable Trust Fund

- **Proposal:** Add \$150,000
- **Benefits:**
 - Balance transfer to a depleted fund
 - Long-term financial planning
 - No tax impact

School Board recommends 5-0. Budget Committee recommends 5-0

Article 6: School Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

- **Proposal:** Add \$100,000
- **Goals:**
 - Support 20-year Capital Improvement Plan
 - Address repair and construction needs as forecasted to maintain school buildings
 - Tax impact of \$0.06

School Board recommends 5-0. Budget Committee recommends 5-0

The proposed measures and budget aim to ensure the continued quality and improvement of Newmarket's educational facilities and staff support, aligning with long-term strategic goals.