

HAMPTON FALLS SCHOOL BOARD DELIBERATIVE SESSION

**LINCOLN AKERMAN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM – 8 EXETER ROAD - HAMPTON FALLS, NH
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is available to view through the LAS web site.

School District Moderator: J. P. Pontbriand
School District Clerk: Maureen Hastings
School Board Members: Greg Parish; Chair, Mark Lane; Vice-chair, Pamela Miller, John Bailly, and Greg Marrow.
Administration: Dr. William Lupini; Superintendent, Dr. David Hobbs: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Caroline Arakelian; Executive Director of Student Services, Matthew Ferreira; Business Administrator, and Beth Raucci; Principal.
Legal Counsel: Attorney Robert Casassa of Casassa Law.

J.P. Pontbriand called the Deliberative Session of the Hampton Falls School District to **order** at 7:00 p.m. and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The Moderator welcomed the audience of approximately 30 registered voters and 10 non-residents who observed the session, and introduced himself, School District Clerk: Maureen Hastings, School Board members, Administration and Legal Counsel.

The Moderator acknowledged and expressed appreciation to the Supervisors of the Checklist: Lyn Stan, and Eileen Baker, and Ballot Clerk Karen Sabatini.

The warrants for this meeting have been properly posted and signed. This is a meeting of the School District and is known as an SB2 meeting, which means that this district has adopted a system “whereby all matters coming before the legislative body are given their final vote by means of the official ballot.”

Session I - The purpose of tonight’s meeting is for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot. This first session consists of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Amendments to articles will be voted on at this meeting. We will not vote on the articles themselves. After debate on each article, the article will be placed on the official ballot.

The Moderator reviewed his rules for the meeting.

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JP Pontbriand and the School Board agreed to allow administration to speak when called upon for information that pertains to the warrants.

Recognition

Greg Parish recognized Maureen Hastings our School District Clerk and Recording Secretary since March of 2005. Over the years, Maureen has worked with 18 school board members, and three superintendents. We thank you for your time and dedication to community, school, and to all the past Boards you have worked with. We appreciate all that you have done for us and our school.

Maureen was presented with a crystal desk plaque inscribed “In Appreciation to Maureen Hastings for 15 years of Dedicated Service to the Hampton Falls School Board 2020”. The Board presented an enormous bouquet of flowers.

Greg Parish recognized Pamela Miller who has chosen not to run for a third term. She has served for two terms on the School Board, being elected in 2014 and, re-elected in 2017. Pam has represented Hampton Falls at the New Hampshire School Board Association, participated on the Operations Committee for the Joint Board, and the Policy Committee for the Joint Board. It’s been an honor serving with you. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to this Board, our school, and students of LAS, which has been inspirational. The insight that you have brought to this Board with your teaching background has helped this Board to make decisions. Your honesty with what might work or not work for a teacher is invaluable. We thank you for your time. Thanks Pam. The Board presented an enormous bouquet of flowers.

The Moderator introduced Article 01 Operating Budget

Shall the 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 of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,946,625. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,819,683, 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.) Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

Matt Ferreira reviewed the proposed School District 2020-21 budget by function.

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Motion: Pamela Miller moved to open Article 01 Operating Budget for discussion. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote. There were no discussions.

The Moderator stated that Article 01 will be placed on the official ballot as printed on the warrant.

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 01. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by the majority vote.

The Moderator introduced Article 02 Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton Falls School Board and the Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the proposed staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Salary Increase (Including Salary Driven Benefits)	Estimated Health Insurance Increase	TOTAL Estimated Cost
2020-21	\$8,653	\$ 0	\$ 8,653
2021-22	\$7,656	\$ 7,627	\$15,283
2022-23	\$4,543	\$ 8,389	\$12,932
2023-24	\$3,938	\$11,440	\$15,378

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,653 for the 2020-21 school year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at proposed staffing levels in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. (Majority vote required.) The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

Note: In order for this article to be adopted, it must be approved by the voters of the school districts of Hampton Falls, North Hampton, Seabrook, South Hampton and the voters of the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District (which includes Hampton voters).

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to open Article 02 for discussion. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote. There were no discussions.

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The Moderator stated that Article 02 will be placed on the official ballot as printed on the warrant.

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 02. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by the majority vote.

The Moderator introduced Article 03 Paving Project

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$98,994 for the purpose of repaving parking areas, sidewalks, and walkways at Lincoln Akerman School. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2022, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required). The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0.

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to open Article 03 for discussion. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote. There were no discussions.

The Moderator stated that Article 03 will be placed on the official ballot as printed on the warrant.

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 03. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by the majority vote.

The Moderator introduced Article 04 Special Education Expendable Trust

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be added to the existing Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with up to \$25,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.) The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to open Article 04 Special Education Expendable Trust for discussion. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote. There were no discussions.

The Moderator stated that Article 04 will be placed on the official ballot as printed on the Warrant.

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to restrict Article 04 as proposed. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote.

The Moderator introduced Article 05 Building Maintenance Expendable Trust

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the existing Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with up to \$50,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for

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transfer on July 1, 2020. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.) The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to open Article 05 for discussion. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote.

Beverly Mutrie inquired what the current Building Maintenance Expendable Trust balance is?

Matt Ferreira informed that the current Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Balance is \$123,862, with a fund target goal of \$160,000.

The Moderator stated that Article 05 will be placed on the official ballot as printed on the warrant.

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to restrict Article 05. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote.

The Moderator introduced Article 06 School Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be added to the existing School Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund, with up to \$25,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.) The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to open Article 06 for discussion. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote. There were no discussions.

The Moderator stated that Article 06 will be placed on the official ballot as printed on the warrant.

Motion: Pamela Miller moved to restrict Article 06. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed by majority vote.

Session II: (Balloting) MEET AT THE HAMPTON FALLS TOWN HALL, HAMPTON FALLS, NEW HAMPSHIRE ON TUESDAY, THE TENTH OF MARCH, 2020 AT 8;00 A.M. IN THE MORNING, TO ELECT BY OFFICIAL BALLOT, OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL District and to vote, BY OFFICIAL BALLOT, ON WARRANT ARTICLES FROM THE FIRST SESSION.

1. Voting for school district officers consists of choosing: One School Board Member for the ensuing three years. One School District Moderator for the

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ensuing three years, 1 School District Clerk for the ensuing three years, and 1 School District Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

2. Voting for articles 1 through 6 as more fully set forth under Session I above and as any of said articles may have been amended as a result of the first session.

Polls will not close before 8:00PM

Motion: Greg Parish moved to close the 2020 Deliberative Session at 8:06 p.m. Second: John Bailly. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Maureen Hastings, School District Clerk