

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
WEARE SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2026**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
3-YEAR TERM (Vote for not more than two)**

Christine Heath	904
Katie Lipp	933
Ermelinda Timmins	427

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
3-YEAR TERM (Vote for not more than one)**

Amanda Gunter	1,135
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**SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
3-YEAR TERM (Vote for not more than one)**

Naomi Bolton	1,173
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ARTICLES

Article 01: Shall the Weare School District set the salaries of the School Board and the compensation for any other officers of the District as printed in the 2026-2027 Budget, or take any other action in relation thereto? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (The 2026-2027 amount is included in Warrant Article 3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact = \$0.00.

Yes	1,127	No	533	PASSED
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Article 02: Shall the Weare School District vote to designate Center Woods Elementary School and Weare Middle School, specifically grades K-8, as open enrollment schools pursuant to RSA 194-D, thereby allowing non-resident, non-tuition students to attend Center Woods Elementary School & Weare Middle School in an amount not to exceed one percent (1%) of the school's total enrollment; and further, to set the percentage of Weare School District resident students permitted to attend open enrollment schools/programs outside the Weare School District at zero percent (0%)? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact = \$0.00.

Yes	1,071	No	600	PASSED
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As required by RSA 671:20, the average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a) is \$20,525.24.

Weare School District achievement proficiency scores obtained from the Department of Education for the preceding year are as follows: ELA Proficiency: 40%; Math Proficiency: 36%; Science Proficiency: 22%.

Article 03: Shall the Weare 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 \$21,369,615 (Twenty-One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$21,057,226 (Twenty-One Million Fifty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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. (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact = \$0.68.

Yes	602	No	1,088	FAILED
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Article 04: Shall the Weare School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Weare School Board and the Weare Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	Estimated Increase
2026-2027	\$383,993 (Three Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars)
2027-2028	\$362,278 (Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars)

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$383,993 (Three Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars) for the school year 2026-2027, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact = \$0.29.

Yes	655	No	1,029	FAILED
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Article 05: Shall the Weare School District vote to discontinue the following existing expendable trust and capital reserves: School Expansion Capital Reserve established in 1994, Middle School Water/Waste Water Capital Reserve established in 1997, and Grounds & Playing Fields Expendable Trust Fund established in 2001? Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be transferred to the Weare School District's general fund, and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,432 (Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars) which is the total amount of funds in these discontinued trusts and reserves, to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund established in 2009? This sum to come from June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1. Further, to name the Weare School Board as agents to expend from this fund? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact = \$0.00.

Yes	1,181	No	486	PASSED
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Article 06: Shall the Weare School District vote to authorize the School Board to convey a .63 acre parcel of real property, identified as, Parcel A on Plan 24243 recorded at the Hillsborough County Register of Deeds, such lot more particularly shown on the Town of Weare tax map as lot 20339, to the George C. Sawyer Trust, (to correct an error in a prior conveyance), and to further authorize the School Board to take such additional action to complete such conveyance, including but not limited to the execution of any necessary documents or instruments. (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact = \$0.00.

Yes	1,279	No	376	PASSED
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Article 07: New Hampshire communities value strong public schools and responsible use of public funds for education. Therefore, the voters of Weare, New Hampshire, are asked: Shall we call on our legislators to protect taxpayers by requiring the Education Freedom Account program to provide fiscal and educational performance reports comparable to those required of public schools, and by limiting eligibility to families with demonstrated financial need? This question is raised because state legislators recently removed all income limits from the Education Freedom Account program (vouchers), expanding it beyond its original purpose. These changes added tens of millions of dollars in costs while the program provides limited public information on how funds are spent or if educational standards are being met. The voucher program is projected to cost \$110 million over the next two years, with no new revenue sources identified. This directs public funds to private education without reducing the expenses public schools are constitutionally required to cover, increasing pressure on local property taxes. Be it further resolved that the Weare School Board shall send the results of this vote to the Governor and all members of the General Court representing Weare within thirty (30) days of this vote. Estimated Tax Impact = \$0.00. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

Yes	1,069	No	575	PASSED
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A true record,

Amanda Gunter
Weare School District Clerk