



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
MERRIMACK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SECOND SESSION  
APRIL 12, 2011**

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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.

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| <p align="center"><b>FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not<br/>Three Year Term more than <b>ONE</b></p> <p><b>ROY F. SWONGER</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>GEORGE MARKWELL</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>   | <p align="center"><b>FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not<br/>Three Year Term more than <b>FOUR</b></p> <p><b>GARY G. KRUPP</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>TODD BEARD</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>JENNIFER BURK</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>CINDA GUAGLIUMI</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> | <p align="center"><b>FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not<br/>Two Year Term more than <b>ONE</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTINA BARBERA</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>FOR PLANNING &amp;<br/>BUILDING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not<br/>Three Year Term more than <b>TWO</b></p> <p><b>LAURIE ROTHHAUS</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>FINLAY ROTHHAUS</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> |   | <p align="center"><b>FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not<br/>One Year Term more than <b>ONE</b></p> <p><b>RODNEY BUCKLEY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>    |

**QUESTIONS**

**Article 2**  
Shall the Merrimack School Board be authorized to accept on behalf of the District, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of personal or real property which may become available to the District during the fiscal year? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). YES   
NO

**Article 3 (Special Warrant Article)**  
Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack School Board and the Merrimack Teachers Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

|             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Estimated Increase</u> |
| 2011-2012   | \$630,656                 |
| 2012-2013   | \$647,041                 |

and raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,656 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, such sum representing the 2011-2012 net costs attributable to (1) the increase in salaries and benefits described above over those of the 2010-2011 fiscal year and (2) a savings of \$450,000 to be realized by the District due to an increase in the negotiated contribution level by the Merrimack Teachers Association towards the cost of their health insurance and other changes in the health plan design? (Majority Vote Required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 10-1-0). YES   
NO

**Article 4**  
Shall the District, if Article 3 is defeated; authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only? (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). YES   
NO

**Article 5 (Special Warrant Article)**  
Shall the District establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the Special Services and Central Office Consolidation Fund, for the purpose of construction and original equipping of a new Central Office and to raise and appropriate an amount up to \$200,000 or 20% of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2010-2011, whichever amount is less, and to transfer that amount to the said fund? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 8-2-1). YES   
NO

**Article 6**  
Shall the 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 \$65,340,419? (Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$65,721,640 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.) (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 9-2-0). YES   
NO

**Note:** This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.