

**Annual School District Meeting
Merrimack School District
2011-2012 Budget**

Session 1 – Deliberation

March 7, 2011

7:00 PM

**Mastricola Upper Elementary School
All Purpose Room**

(Snow Date: March 8, 2011 Per RSA 40:411 if Needed)

Session 2 – Voting

April 12, 2011

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

**Mastricola Upper Elementary School
St. John Neumann Church
St. James United Methodist Church**

Merrimack School District School District Warrant

March 7, 2011 (Deliberation)
and April 12, 2011 (Voting)
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Merrimack, County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School in said District on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. for Session 1 (Deliberation), to discuss the matters to be voted on by official ballot; and to meet at the designated polling sites, either the James Mastricola Upper Elementary School, St. John Neumann Church or St. James United Methodist Church, depending upon your place of residence, on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Session 2 (Voting) for the choice of School District officers elected by ballot and any other action required to be inserted on said official ballot. The polls for the election of school district officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 a.m. and will not close earlier than 8:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1 To elect all necessary school district officers for the ensuing year. (Vote by Ballot.)

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).

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 One Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$1 80,656) 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 Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 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).

*Note: Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, **will** continue in force and effect after it expires in June 30 2013 unless and until a new agreement is executed.*

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).

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 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) or Twenty percent (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).

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).

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

Merrimack School District Proposed Budget 2011-2012

Function	Purpose of Appropriation	Expended 2009-2010	Approved Budget 2010-2011	Admin. Proposed Budget 2011-2012	School Board Proposed Budget 2011-2012	Bud. Comm. Proposed Budget 2011-2012	2011-2012 Proposed vs. 2010-2011 Approved
1100-1199	Regular Education	16,112,237	16,346,132	16,014,679	15,880,512	15,880,512	-465,620
1200-1299	Special Education	10,612,322	11,172,851	11,245,105	11,245,105	11,245,105	72,254
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	33,632	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
1400-1499	Other Programs	558,458	561,938	572,272	567,272	567,272	5,334
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs	6,303	6,110	6,110	6,110	6,110	0
2000-2199	Student Support Services	3,097,299	3,153,560	3,215,495	3,215,495	3,215,495	61,935
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	1,288,016	1,270,462	1,293,005	1,274,505	1,274,505	4,043
2310-2319	Other School Board	140,359	145,836	138,836	133,836	133,836	-12,000
2320-310	SAU Management Services	515,592	526,518	538,056	538,056	538,056	11,538
2320-2399	Other Executive Administration	374,039	383,405	393,448	382,948	382,948	-458
2400-2499	School Administration Service	2,091,018	2,115,292	2,174,835	2,174,835	2,174,835	59,543
2500-2599	Business	273,990	287,283	295,176	295,176	295,176	7,893
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	3,352,737	3,570,404	3,687,561	3,629,561	3,629,561	59,156
2700-2799	Student Transportation	2,842,064	2,852,381	2,972,373	2,972,373	2,972,373	119,992
2800-2999	Support Service, Central/Other	14,038,221	16,402,730	17,396,894	17,340,014	17,340,014	937,284
3000-3999	Non-Instructional Services	8,678	8,263	8,363	8,363	8,363	100
4000-4999	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	481,307	1,170,373	880,011	780,011	780,011	-390,362
5110	Debt Service Principal	1,385,000	1,385,000	1,385,000	1,385,000	1,385,000	0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	748,904	676,895	604,690	604,690	604,690	-72,205
5221	Fund Transfer	25,985	1	1	1	1	0
5251	Capital Reserve	150,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub-total : General Fund	58,136,160	62,055,434	62,841,909	62,453,862	62,453,862	398,427
5220-5221	Food Service	1,390,584	1,470,079	1,386,557	1,386,557	1,386,557	-83,522
5222-5229	Federal Funds	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
	Sub-total : Budget Article		65,025,513	65,728,466	65,340,419	65,340,419	314,905
	Warrant Articles 2011-2012						
	Teacher Contract			180,656	180,656	180,656	180,656
	SAU/SPED Office Reserve			200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
	Total Appropriation	61,026,744	65,025,513	66,109,122	65,721,075	65,721,075	695,561

BUDGET AND REVENUE SUMMARY 2011-2012

Description	Approved Budget	School Board Proposed Budget	Budget Committee Proposed Budget	Dollar Variance 2009-2010 vs.
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2011-2012	2011-2012
General Fund Operating Budget	61,228,064	62,453,862	62,453,862	1,225,798
Food Service	1,470,079	1,386,557	1,386,557	(83,522)
Federal Funds	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Total Budget	64,198,143	65,340,419	65,340,419	1,142,276
Warrant Articles				
Teacher Contract		180,656	180,656	180,656
Roof - Reeds Ferry Elementary School	827,370	-	-	(827,370)
SAU Reserve		200,000	200,000	200,000
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Total Appropriations	65,025,513	65,721,075	65,721,075	695,562
Less: Revenue				
Tuition	223,500	195,400	195,400	(28,100)
Interest	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Food Service Sales	1,370,079	1,286,557	1,286,557	(83,522)
Student Activities	18,000	18,000	18,000	-
Other Local	80,000	80,000	80,000	-
Building Aid	511,919	511,919	511,919	-
Catastrophic Aid	1,018,465	1,018,465	1,018,465	-
Vocational Aid	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Food Service - State	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Federal Funds	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Child Nutrition -Federal	80,000	80,000	80,000	-
Medicaid	275,000	350,000	350,000	75,000
Environmental Education Fund	-	-	-	-
Transfer From Capital Reserve	260,000	-	-	(260,000)
Other Financing Services	15,000	50,000	50,000	35,000
Articles From Surplus	-	200,000	200,000	200,000
Education Jobs Fund		370,437	370,437	
Fund Balance	3,517,659	2,345,228	2,345,228	(1,172,431)
Total Revenues	8,922,622	8,059,006	8,059,006	(863,616)
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District Assessment	56,102,891	57,662,069	57,662,069	1,559,178
(Total Appropriations - Total Revenues)				
Less: State Education Grant (Current)	10,445,382	9,976,713	9,976,713	(468,669)
Less: State Education Tax Assessment	6,714,124	6,882,362	6,882,362	168,238
Local School Tax Assessment	38,943,385	40,802,994	40,802,994	1,859,609
Total Local Tax Effort				
(Local School + State Education Tax)	45,657,509	47,685,356	47,685,356	2,027,847