

DRAFT - Merrimack School District 1-25-11
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 (\$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 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).

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).

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).

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