

Hampton Falls School Board Deliberative Session
Lincoln Akerman School Gymnasium
8 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, NH 03844
February 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM

School District Moderator	J.P. Pontbriand
School District Clerk	Gisela Manna
School Board Members	Jason Farias, Chair Barbara Goodman, Vice-Chair Anthony Lang Renee Palm Jill Swasey (absent)
Administration	Meredith Nadeau, Superintendent Matthew Ferreira, Business Administrator Beth Raucci, Principal

J.P. Pontbriand called the Deliberative Session of the Hampton Falls School District to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator welcomed the audience of approximately 23 registered voters who observed the session, and introduced himself, School Board members and the Administration.

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

Moderator indicated a copy of the rules were available in the back of the room.

The warrant for this meeting has been properly posted and signed.

Moderator introduced Matthew Ferreira who presented the Operating Budget. He started by thanking the School Board for all their efforts in compiling the budget. Matt reviewed his powerpoint presentation.

Matt then continued to speak through all the specific lines items in the budget. The details are presented in the Hampton Falls Deliberation Session presentation as well as the Hampton Falls Budget Summary which have been posted to the SAU 21 website: <https://www.sau21.org>.

The moderator thanks Matt for his presentation and opens the floor for public comment.

Carol Shuttle from Exeter Rd asked some questions regarding the information presented. Matt responded.

Steve Shuttle from Exeter Rd asked some questions regarding the information presented. Matt responded.

Susan Porcelli from Linden Rd requested additional information regarding teachers and students. Jason Farias responded that the information requested is included in the Hampton Falls Annual Report and also posted on website.

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 \$7,498,244? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,540,578 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

The Moderator stated that Article 01 would move to the ballot as written.

Barbara Goodman made a Motion to restrict reconsideration, Jason Farias seconded the motion, all voted yes.

Moderator introduced Matthew Ferreira who presented Article 02 to public.

The moderator thanks Matt for his presentation and opens the floor for public comment.

Beverly Mutrie from Brown Rd asked a question regarding the information presented. Matt responded.

Kathy Brown asked to speak from SESPAA and read a letter from their Association.

The Moderator introduced Article 02 Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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 for the following increases and reductions in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Salary Increase	Estimated Benefits Increase	TOTAL Estimated Costs
2024-25	\$31,471	\$2,748	\$34,219
2025-26	\$29,395	\$2,454	\$31,849
2026-27	\$14,895	\$19,845	\$34,740
2027-28	\$14,054	\$18,466	\$32,520

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,219 for the 2024-25 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 current 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).

The Moderator stated that Article 02 would move to the ballot as written.

Barbara Goodman made a Motion to restrict reconsideration, Anthony Lang seconded the motion, all voted yes.

The Moderator introduced Article 03 School Resource Officer.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of providing a School Resource Officer to serve Lincoln Akerman School. (Majority vote required)

The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

Matthew Ferreira presented the article.

There were no remarks or questions.

The Moderator stated that Article 03 would move to the ballot as written.

Barbara Goodman made a motion to restrict reconsideration and Anthony Lang seconded the motion and all voted yes.

The Moderator introduced Article 04 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, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

The School Board recommends this article. Vote: 5-0

Matthew Ferreira presented the article.

There were no remarks or questions.

The Moderator stated that Article 04 would move to the ballot as written.


J.P Pontbriand reminded everyone that the voting with be on March 12, 2024, starting at 8am.

Motion: Anthony Lang moved to close the 2024 Deliberative Session

Second: Jay Farias. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Submitted by Hampton Falls School District Clerk

X  2/12/2024
Gisela Manna