

2025 WARRANT

New Boston Local School

The inhabitants of the School District of New Boston Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: February 4, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: New Boston Central School Details: Tom Mansfield Gymnasium

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 11, 2025 Time: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Location: New Boston Central School Details: Tom Mansfield Gymnasium

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION



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Article 01

Election of Officers

To choose two (2) members of the School Board for the ensuing three years

Article 02 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 TWENTY MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS (20,196,472)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be TWENTY MILLION SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS (\$20,071,352), 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. This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0

The Finance Committee does not recommend this article 5-1-0

Article 03 Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the New Boston School District vote to approve the cost items included in the New Boston Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the New Boston School Board and the New Boston Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2025-2026	\$320,909
2026-2027	\$204,101
2027-2028	\$213,165

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$320,909 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; this amount to be offset by \$12,302 from the Special Revenue Fund with the remaining amount of \$308,607 to be raised by taxation for the purpose of funding 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. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2 the Operating Budget. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0

The Finance Committee does not recommend this article 4-2-0

Article 04 Special Meeting Permission for Defeated CBA

Shall the New Boston School District, if article #3 (Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement) is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #3 cost items only? (Majority vote)

The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-3-0



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Article 05 Capital Reserve Fund Deposit

Shall the school district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) to be added to the New Boston Central School Facilities Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) (established in 2010), with this sum to come from the June 30, 2025 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025? No new amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends this article 6-0-0

Article 06 Petition Article-Rejection of Taxpayer Funding for private education through Education Freedom Accounts

We, the voters of New Boston, New Hampshire, call on our state elected officials to uphold their duty to fiscal accountability by rejecting any extension of taxpayer funding for private education through Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs), school vouchers, until we have full accountability, transparency, and a suitable funding plan that ensures no further strain on public schools or local taxpayers. We further direct the Town Administrator to deliver this warrant article and results to New Hampshire's Governor and members of the State Legislature within thirty (30) days of this vote.

Whereas, taxpayers have a right to know how their money is spent and deserve clear, verifiable evidence that it is being spent wisely and delivering results; and whereas, taxpayer dollars are being diverted from public schools to private educations through EFAs (vouchers) and this shift does not reduce public school expenses, leaving local taxpayers to cover the difference through higher property taxes; and whereas, unlike public schools, private education funded by taxpayers through vouchers lacks accountability measures, such as reporting how funds are used and tracking student performance, among other measures required of public schools.

The School Board does not recommend as written 3-0-0