**OFFICIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT**

 **NORTHWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

 **MARCH 10, 2015**

 *Penny Hampl*

Northwood School District Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER for three years

 Vote for Two

 Tim Jandebeur 430

 Scott Bulger 386

 Barbie Hartford 419]

Write-In 79

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER for two years

Vote for One

Keith McGuigan 577

Write-In 131

DISTRICT CLERK for three years

 Vote for One

 Penny Hampl 684

 Write-In 2

DISTRICT TREASURER for three years

 Vote for One

 Betsy Colburn 676]

 Write-In 15

DISTRICT MODERATOR for three years

 Vote for One

 Hal Kreider 677

 Write-In 9

**Article #2**  Shall the Northwood 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 **Twelve Million Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars ($12,014,988)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Eleven Million Nine Hundred Thirty One Thousand and Forty Two Dollars ($11,931,042)**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Northwood School Board 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 the operating budget only.

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 15-0 vote. The tax impact if this article passes is $0.91 per $1,000.

###  Yes 483

 **No 361**

**Article #3** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the **Northwood School Board** and the **Northwood Educational Support Personnel Association** which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal year 2015-2016 Estimated Increase $ 52,363

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Dollars ($52,363)** for the 2015-2016 fiscal 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 in the prior fiscal year?

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 3-0-1 vote.

Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 12-0-2 vote

The tax impact if this article passes is $0.11 per $1,000.

 Yes 547

 No 311

**Article #4** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the **Northwood School Board** and the **Northwood Teachers’ Association** which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016 Estimated Increase $88,449

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty Eight Thousand Four Hundred** **Forty Nine Dollars ($88,449)** for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase of salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year?

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 14-0 vote.

The tax impact if this article passes is $0.19 per $1,000.

###  Yes 548

 **No 308**

**Article #5** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate “up to” **Fifty Six Thousand Dollars ($56,000)** to be placed in the High School Tuition Capital Reserve Fund, established in March 2010 for the purpose of funding the tuition payments of Northwood high school students with such amount to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2015. Current balance at 12/31/14 is $56,000.

 The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 14-0 vote.

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

###  Yes 621

 **No 233**

**Article #6** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate “up to” **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000)** to be placed in the Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings as well as all or part of the cost of new construction for the Northwood School District, with such amount to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2015. Current balance at 12/31/14 is $67,973.

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 14-0 vote.

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

###  Yes 626

 **No 227**

**Article #7** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate “up to” **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000)** to be placed in the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating educationally disabled children for the Northwood School District in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35:1-b, with such amount to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2015. Current balance at 12/31/14 is $25,297.

 The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 14-0 vote.

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

###  Yes 612

 **No 234**

**Article #8** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate “up to” **Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000)** to be placed in the Retirement Benefit Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the retirement benefits of Northwood School teachers, with such amount to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2015. Current balance at 12/31/14 is $15,000.

 The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 14-0 vote.

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

###  Yes 582

 **No 266**

**Article #9** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate “up to” **Sixty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Dollars ($68,620)** for the purpose of hiring a full time Grade 7/8 Teacher.

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4-0 vote. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 9-5 vote.

The tax impact if this article passes is $0.14 per $1,000.

###  Yes 325

 **No 518**

**Article #10** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate “up to” **Sixty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Dollars ($68,620)** for the purpose of hiring a full time Math Specialist.

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 3-1 vote. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 10-4 vote.

The tax impact if this article passes is $0.14 per $1,000.

###  Yes 296

 **No 549**

 **Article #11** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000)** for the purpose of establishing an all-day Kindergarten program at Northwood School beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

 This is a Petition Warrant Article. The School Board does not recommend this appropriation by a 1-2 vote. The Budget Committee recommended this appropriation by a 10-2 vote **before it was amended by the first session**. The tax impact if the article passes is $0.21 per $1,000.

###  Yes 309

 **No 541**

**Article #12** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to encourage the Northwood School Board and the Northwood Teachers’ Association to enter into an early retirement incentive agreement which calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level (Savings per retiring teacher shown)

Fiscal Year: Estimated Impact:

2015-2016 ($4,252)

2016-2017 ($11,202)

2017-2018 ($11,202)

2018-2019 ($11,202)

2019-2020 ($11,202)

And further, no additional amount to be raised and appropriated for the current year, such sum necessary for the retirement incentive required by the new agreement is contained in the Proposed Operating Budget 2015-2016 fiscal year.

This is a non-binding article but a way for towns’ people to show their support to Teachers, with a negative tax impact. Also a way to ask the School Board to enter into a retirement agreement with the Teachers’ Union.

This is a Petition Warrant Article. The School Board does not recommend this appropriation by a 1-2 vote. The tax impact if this article passes is $-0.01 per $1,000.

###  Yes 496

 **No 344**

**Article #13** To see if the Northwood School District will vote to reject and immediately discontinue participation in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Smarter Balance Assessments, in favor of our own locally developed Northwood School District academic standards and assessments, and recommend that the School Board form a committee (consisting of representatives from the school board, school administrators, teachers, and community members) to develop the Northwood School District Academic Standards and Assessments.

 This is a Petition Warrant Article.

###  Yes 544

 **No 316**