

**BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021 WARRANTS-DRAFT
February 1, February 8 and March 9, 2021**

To the inhabitants of the Brookline School District, in the Town of Brookline in the County of Hillsborough, and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet virtually on the following dates and times:

- A. Information Session: on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., for an online information session to discuss the procedures used for the Annual Meeting and to go over the School District Warrant :

Virtual Information Session Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97735482740?pwd=dzFLMXZvUOZlZGFDa3q5RCtpUS93QT09>

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- B. Annual Meeting: on February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., for the virtual Annual Meeting, to read all submissions received from registered voters, to review the procedures for voting, and to discuss, debate, and potentially amend the School District Warrant.

Virtual Annual Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99307531234?pwd=VjRtNVpnRXJadGZPYnlhcmMxaHNFQT09>

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You are hereby further notified to meet at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to vote by official ballot for the election of School District officers and other action required to be inserted on the official ballot (ballot question, warrant articles 1 through 12).

Ballot Question: Do you approve the Procedures used during this budget season, including the conduct of the virtual information meeting on February 1, 2021 and the virtual annual meeting on February 8, 2021 and the voting process used today, which calls the question on each article on the warrant as decided by the school board using feedback from the public, thereby ending debate in order to proceed with alternative ballot voting in accordance with the process authorized by NH Laws of 2020, Chapter 8 (HB 1129):

Article 1. Election of Officers. To elect all necessary School District officers for the ensuing terms by official ballot vote on March 9, 2021, Captain Samuel Douglass Academy, 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.:

- To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- To choose one (1) member of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.

Article 2. To see if the Brookline School District will vote to 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 **\$9,867,097**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$9,857,075** 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 to pass. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 3. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to **\$75,000** to be added to the previously established SCHOOL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND, this sum to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No amount to be raised from taxation. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 2-1-0.**

Article 4. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to **\$25,000** to be added to the previously established SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND, this sum to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No amount to be raised from taxation. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 1-2-0.**

Article 5. To see if the school district will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate a sum of up to **\$40,000** to go into said fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2021. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 2-1-0.**

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Brookline School District adopt a school administrative unit budget of \$1,953,257 for the forthcoming fiscal year in which **\$361,236** is assigned to the school budget of this school district? This year's adjusted budget of \$1,918,864 with \$354,875 assigned to the school budget of this school district will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the school district voters voting in this school administrative unit. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 2-1-0.**

Article 7. Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? **The school board recommends the appropriation 5-0-0.**

Article 8. (Contingent Article). If Article 7 passes, this article is unnecessary: to see if the school district voters will authorize the Brookline School District to access future year state and federal special education aid funds in the event that special education costs exceed budget limitations. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 9. To see if the school district will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain any unused portion of the year-end unassigned general funds, from the preceding fiscal year in subsequent fiscal years, provided that the amount of year-end unassigned general funds does not exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.0 percent (can be up to 5%) of the current fiscal year's net assessment under RSA 198:5. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-1-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 1-1-1.**

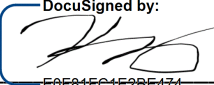
Article 10. Petition Warrant Article. Shall we direct the Brookline School Board to convene a study committee investigating the feasibility and suitability of expanding responsibility of the Brookline School District to grades K to 8, with the committee consisting of a School Board member, Selectboard member, Finance or Budget Committee member, and two members of the public, reporting findings by November 3, 2021?

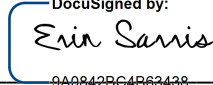
Article 11. Petition Warrant Article. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, requiring that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the school board, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article? The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body.

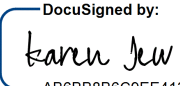
Article 12. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting?


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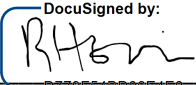
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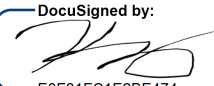
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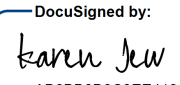
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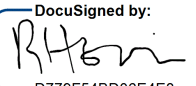
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