

BROOKLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023 WARRANTS

February 8, 2023 and March 14, 2023

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 at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy in said district on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 (snow date: February 10, 2023), at 6:30 p.m., for Session I (Deliberation), for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot. This session shall consist of the explanation of all the warrant articles and the discussion and debate of warrant articles 1 through 8. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion as amended and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

You are hereby further notified to meet at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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 (warrant articles 1 through 8).

Article 1. Election of Officers. To elect all necessary School District officers for the ensuing terms by official ballot vote on March 14, 2023, 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 two (2) members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.

Article 2. To see if the Brookline School District will vote to approve the cost of items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Brookline School Board and the Brookline Teachers Association for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years, which calls for the following increase in professional staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2023-2024	\$241,337
2024-2025	\$287,648
2025-2026	\$289,609

Total: \$818,594

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$241,337** for the first fiscal year (2023-2024 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in professional staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.34/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 3. 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 **\$11,283,450**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$11,125,878**, 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. Estimated Tax Impact: \$10.57/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Brookline School District adopt a school administrative unit budget of \$2,264,374 for the forthcoming fiscal year in which \$446,191 is assigned to the school budget of this school district? This year's adjusted budget of \$2,247,208 with \$442,809 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. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.63/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 5: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$25,000 to be added to the previously established Special Education Trust Fund, with this sum to be raised by taxation. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04/\$1,000. **The School Board recommends this article 3-2-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 6: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$155,000 to be added to the previously established School Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund, with \$100,000 of this sum to be raised by taxation, and the remaining balance of up to \$55,000 to come from the June 30th unassigned fund balance (surplus) that is not raised by taxation. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.14/\$1,000 for the \$100,000 and foregoing a potential rate reduction of \$0.08/\$1,000 for the \$55,000. **The School Board recommends this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee recommends this article 3-0-0.**

Article 7: Petition Warrant Article. To reflect the growth of Brookline and to help distribute the workload of the Brookline School Board, shall the Brookline School District change the number of members of the Brookline School Board from five members to seven members per RSA 671:4? **The School Board does not recommend this article 5-0-0.**

Article 8: Petition Warrant Article. To prevent taxpayer dollars from funding lobbying against the interests of parents and citizens, shall the Brookline School District zero out budget line item "Dues" 10.2310.810.00.0? **The School Board does not recommend this article 5-0-0.**

Article 9: Petition Warrant Article. To reduce the Brookline property tax burden, shall the Brookline School District rescind authorization under RSA 198:4-bII so that the Brookline School District no longer retains any unassigned general funds under RSA 198: 4-b II? **The School Board does not recommend this article 5-0-0. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article 3-0-0.**

Article 10: To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting?

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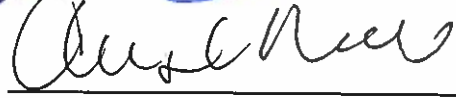
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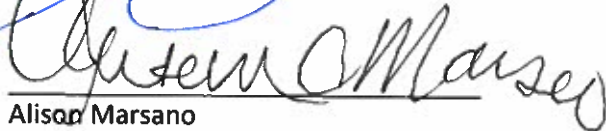
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