

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY
ANTRIM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2013**


SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

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| <p>1. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate as a gross 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 for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$45,448,301? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$44,831,807 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley 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 gross operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.</p> | <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p>2. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1.) raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$100,000 to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund, as previously established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, and 2.) authorize the transfer of such amount from the undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2013? (This amount represents up to \$100,000 from the June 30, 2013, general fund surplus.) (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article and RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)</p> | <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p>3. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1.) raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$100,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Building Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1-c, and 2.) authorize the transfer of such amount from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2013? (This amount represents up to \$100,000 from the June 30, 2013, general fund surplus.) (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article and RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)</p> | <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p>4. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1.) raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000 to be added to the Health Insurance Maintenance Fund, as previously established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, and 2.) authorize the transfer of such amount from the undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2013? (This amount represents up to \$50,000 from the June 30, 2013, general fund surplus.) (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article and RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)</p> | <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p>5. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$1,500; each member, \$1,000; Treasurer, \$2,500; Moderator, \$300?</p> | <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> |
| <p>6. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to amend the Articles of Agreement among the School District Towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple as follows: (2/3 vote required)</p> <p>The text of the proposed amendment is as follows:</p> <p>Delete in its entirety Article 5 and insert in place thereof the following:</p> <p>The Contoocook Valley School District (ConVal) shall be responsible for educating students in grades Kindergarten through twelve (K-12). Subject to the parameters set forth below, the School Board may elect to close District schools and reassign students to other schools located within the District.</p> <p>A District school may be considered for closure if, upon the recommendation of the Administration and determination of the School Board, either of the following conditions apply: 1.) The school building is deemed to be inadequate. 2.) The school has been operating substantially below capacity. Operating substantially below capacity means that the number of students attending the school is below capacity when applying district class size guidelines in accordance with the recommendation of administration.</p> | <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p> |

Article 6 continued on back of ballot

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 6 continued

If a school is considered for closure by the Board, then the Board shall conduct a comprehensive closing study that includes:

1. A review of the in-depth demographic studies, specific to that school, which include a 2-year trend and a 2-year enrollment projection, student groupings, and consideration of alternatives (if any);
2. A review of the age and current physical condition of the school building, its operating systems, and program facilities;
3. A review of the adequacy of the building site, location, access, surrounding development, traffic patterns, and other environmental conditions;
4. A determination as to how to best reassign children who are attending the school that is subject to closure;
5. A review of the transportation factors including the numbers of children bussed, time spent on the bus, distance traveled, and safety;
6. A review of the alternative uses of the building, if any;
7. A review of the continuity of instructional and community programs;
8. A review of the costs associated with maintaining the existing school, as well as any savings realized by closing the existing school, in areas such as personnel, building operation, building renovations, transportation, capital investment, and alternative building use;
9. A review of the District and school specific five-year enrollment trends from a professional demographer; and,
10. Any other areas deemed relevant by the School Board.

If, in the opinion of the School Board, the results of the closing study indicate that the school building should be closed, then the Board may vote to close the school and reassign students to another District school. The recommendation of the Board to close a school building must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the District Meeting.

(The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

7. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of a School Resource Officer at ConVal High School? (Submitted by Petition) (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article and DOES NOT RECOMMEND adoption of this article)

YES

NO

8. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District vote to amend the Articles of Agreement among the School District Towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple as follows: (2/3 vote required)

YES

NO

Article 5 shall be amended by replacing this sentence:

Grades five through eight (5-8) may be educated at the Middle Schools in Antrim and Peterborough

With:

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the District will operate one Middle School which shall be centrally located in Peterborough.

The amended Article 5 will read as follows:

The Contoocook Valley School District (ConVal) shall be responsible for grades one through twelve (1-12) and Kindergartens. Kindergartens were previously authorized by a vote at an annual Cooperative School District meeting. Grades nine through twelve (9-12) shall be educated at the centrally located Senior High School in Peterborough. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the District will operate one Middle School which shall be centrally located in Peterborough. Elementary Schools shall be maintained in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, and Temple. As school populations change, students from the Middle School may be reassigned to Elementary School locations. Such reassignment needs would be determined by ConVal Administration, but each location change would have to be approved by the School Board. (Submitted by Petition) (The ConVal School Board DOES NOT RECOMMEND adoption of this article).

9. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen?

YES

NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING