

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CONTOOCOOK VALLEY
ANTRIM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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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 DISTRICT
MODERATOR**

Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	
<i>Neal Class</i>	<i>31</i>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Others</i>	<i>19</i>	<input type="radio"/> (Write-in)

ARTICLES

1. Shall the Contoocook Valley 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 \$58,370,749? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$57,712,541 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 operating budget only. (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

	YES <input type="radio"/>	<i>268</i>
	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>163</i>

2. To see if the Contoocook Valley School District will approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the ConVal School Board and the ConVal Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2024-2025	\$1,229,388	

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,229,388 for the current 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 levels.
 (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

	YES <input type="radio"/>	<i>273</i>
	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>159</i>

3. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District, if Warrant Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article 2 cost items only? (Majority vote required)

	YES <input type="radio"/>	<i>296</i>
	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>124</i>

4. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 to be added to the Health Maintenance Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

	YES <input type="radio"/>	<i>305</i>
	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>126</i>

5. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

	YES <input type="radio"/>	<i>301</i>
	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>129</i>

6. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Technology Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

	YES <input type="radio"/>	<i>311</i>
	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>116</i>

7. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Equipment Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

	YES <input type="radio"/>	<i>308</i>
	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>123</i>

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

8. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Energy Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES 295
NO 129

9. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. In the event that Article 05 passes, this appropriation shall be in addition to any appropriation to the Building Capital Reserve pursuant to Article 05.

YES 285
NO 140

10. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District amend Article 5 of the Articles of Agreement among the School District towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple as follows:

From the present language of:

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. Grades five through eight (5-8) may be educated at the Middle Schools in Antrim and Peterborough. Elementary Schools shall be maintained in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, and Temple. As school populations change, students from the Middle Schools 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.

To the language 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. Grades five through eight (5-8) may be educated at the Middle Schools in Antrim and Peterborough. Elementary Schools shall be maintained in Antrim, Greenfield, Hancock, and Peterborough. As school populations change, students from the Middle Schools 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.

YES 212
NO 219

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

YES 355
NO 67

12. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the annual compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$1,500; each member, \$1,000; Treasurer, \$1,500; Assistant Treasurer, \$500; Moderator, \$300? (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES 327
NO 97

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