

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018**

C. Butler
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.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

(For 3 Years) Vote for not more than ONE

CASEY LOOSE	664	<input type="radio"/>
KEVIN SHEA	778	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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(Write-in)		

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Amherst 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 twenty-six million, two hundred and ninety-one thousand, six hundred and two dollars (\$26,291,602)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twenty-five million, eight hundred and fourteen thousand, two hundred and eight dollars (\$25,814,208), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Amherst 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?

YES: 989
NO: 768
PASSED

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)
Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (6-0)
Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.31 per thousand.
Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.03 per thousand.

***NOTE: Warrant Article 12 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.**

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Amherst School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and ASSA (Amherst Support Staff Association) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2018-2019	\$49,535
2019-2020	\$34,340
2020-2021	\$34,795
2021-2022	\$35,279
2022-2023	\$45,562

YES: 1161
NO: 597
PASSED

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand, five hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$49,535) for the 2018-2019 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 the current staffing levels?

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)
Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (6-0)
Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.03 per thousand.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Amherst School District, if Article 13 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 13 cost items only?

YES: 1178
NO: 545
PASSED

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Amherst School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and AEA (Amherst Education Association) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2018-2019	\$405,338
2019-2020	\$402,328
2020-2021	\$423,532
2021-2022	\$438,589

YES: 1030
NO: 679
PASSED

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and five thousand, three hundred and thirty-eight dollars (\$405,338) for the 2018-2019 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 the current staffing levels?

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)

Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (6-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.24 per thousand.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Amherst School District, if Article 15 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 15 cost items only?

YES: 1125
NO: 559
PASSED

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Amherst School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and fifty-thousand dollars (\$550,000) for the purpose of repairing and replacing the compromised septic and site systems at Clark School including the connection of the school to the municipal storm water system, the removal and replacement of septic tanks and leaching fields, and the repair and replacement of paving, as needed. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V.

Majority vote required.

YES: 1210
NO: 487
PASSED

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)

Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (6-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.32 per thousand.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Amherst School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$310,000) for the purpose of repairing and replacing a majority of the domestic water plumbing systems at Amherst Middle School for the purpose of removing lead-based solder from the system and increasing energy efficiency of the system. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V.

Majority vote required.

YES: 1243
NO: 474
PASSED

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)

Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (6-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.18 per thousand.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the year-end unassigned fund balance (surplus) if available on June 30, 2018, to be added to the Amherst School District Capital Reserve Fund for educating students with disabilities, previously established in March 2014?

Majority vote required.

YES: 1138
NO: 573
PASSED

Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)

Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee (6-0)

Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.03 per thousand.

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