

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 14, 2017**

*Christine J. Jensen*  
 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**

Representing:	For 3 years	Vote for not more than Two	
Amherst	<b>AMY FACEY</b>	903	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amherst	<b>JAMES P. MANNING</b>	857	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mont Vernon	<b>PIM GRONDSTRA</b>	137	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		(Write-in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		(Write-in)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 2**

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative 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 eighteen million, fourteen thousand, six hundred and fifty-two dollars (\$18,014,652)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be seventeen million, eight hundred and ninety-two thousand, one hundred and twelve dollars (\$17,892,112), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Souhegan Cooperative 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:**  
 AMH 709  
 MV 140  
 Total 849

**NO:**  
 AMH 582  
 MV 210  
 Total 792

**PASSED**

**Majority vote required.**

**Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (5-2).**

**Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0).**

**Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.34 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.84 per thousand for Mont Vernon.**

**Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.28 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.75 per thousand for Mont Vernon.**

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE 3

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to approve the costs included in the agreement between the Souhegan Cooperative School Board and the professional and support staff of Souhegan Cooperative High School which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2017-2018	\$94,534

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety four thousand, five hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$94,534) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

**Majority vote required.**

**Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0).**

**Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (6-1).**

**Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.05 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.06 per thousand for Mont Vernon.**

**YES:**

AMH 760  
MV 166  
Total 926

**NO:**

AMH 555  
MV 180  
Total 735

**PASSED**

### ARTICLE 4

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate up to sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the year-end unassigned fund balance (surplus) if available on June 30, 2017, to be added to the expendable trust fund known as the School Maintenance Fund, previously established in March 2005?

**Majority vote required.**

**Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0).**

**Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0).**

**Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.03 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.04 per thousand for Mont Vernon.**

**YES:**

AMH 837  
MV 174  
Total 1011

**NO:**

AMH 481  
MV 172  
Total 653

**PASSED**

### ARTICLE 5

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paving part of the Souhegan driveways and parking spaces?

**Majority vote required.**

**Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School Board (7-0).**

**Recommended by the Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee (7-0).**

**Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.07 per thousand for Amherst and \$0.09 per thousand for Mont Vernon.**

**YES:**

AMH 684  
MV 126  
Total 810

**NO:**

AMH 637  
MV 222  
Total 859

**FAILED**

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**