



Wakefield Local School

The inhabitants of the School District of Wakefield Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: OPERA HOUSE OF THE WAKEFIELD TOWN HALL
2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire

Details: The first session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to debate, propose, and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Location: OPERA HOUSE OF THE WAKEFIELD TOWN HALL
2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire

Details: The second session is to elect school district officers and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as may be amended at the first session. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00 AM and will close at 7:00 PM unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 29, 2024 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at The Paul School, Wakefield Town Library, US Post Office in East Wakefield and Sanbornville, NH, and that an original was delivered to Valerie Ward, School District Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Mary Collins	Chairman	<i>Mary Collins</i>
Bob Ouellette	Vice-Chairman	<i>Bob Ouellette</i>
Robert Decolfmacker	Board Member	<i>[Signature]</i>
Brennan Peaslee	Board Member	
Sandrea Taliaferro	Board Member	



Article 01 Election of officers

Article 1: Election of Officers (voting by official ballot March 12, 2024)

To choose the following school district officers:

- (1) Moderator: 1-Year Term
- (1) School District Clerk: 1-Year Term
- (1) School District Treasurer: 1-Year Term
- (2) School Board Members: 3-Year Term

Yes No

Article 02 Operating budget

Shall the Wakefield 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 TWELVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$12,462,470). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ELEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$11,826,770) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Wakefield 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.

Estimated Tax Impact Proposed: \$3.48 Default: \$3.20

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 3-2. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 9-3).

Yes No

Article 03 Wakefield Paraprofessionals' Union CBA

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Wakefield School Board and the Wakefield Paraprofessionals' Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year 2025-Estimated Increase	98,722
Fiscal Year 2026-Estimated Increase	19,799
Fiscal Year 2027-Estimated Increase	20,373

and further to raise and appropriate NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS [\$98,722] 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. Recommendations required.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 9-0.)

Yes No



Article 04 Wakefield Paraprofessionals' Union CBA

Shall the school district, if WARRANT ARTICLE #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address WARRANT ARTICLE #3 cost items only?

Yes No

Article 05 Special Education

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 10-2.)

Yes No

Article 06 Transportation

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$110,000) to be added to the Transportation Trust previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact \$ 0.05

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 4-1. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 12-0).

Yes No

Article 07 Replacing Boilers

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to be added to the Replacing Boilers Capital Reserve Account previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact \$ 0.02

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 12-0).

Yes No



Article 08 Well Replacement

To see if the Wakefield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) to be added to the Well Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 9-3)

Yes No

Article 09 Replacement HVAC Units

To see if the school district will vote to establish a HVAC Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for replacing HVAC air handling units at The Paul School and to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS [\$75,000] to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Wakefield School Board as agents to expend from said fund.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 12-0.)

Yes No

Article 10 Classroom Renovation

To see if the school district will vote to establish a Classroom Renovation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for renovation of classrooms, to include, but not be limited to, replacing carpeting, furniture and fixtures, electrical, and plumbing, and to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS [\$25,000] to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Wakefield School Board as agents to expend from said fund.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 9-0.)

Yes No

Article 11 Discontinue Trust Funds

To see if the school district will vote to discontinue the following trust funds. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the district's general fund.

School Asbestos Abatement and Renovation Trust Fund
Building Repair, Maintenance, and Equipment for the new SAU Office Trust Fund
Windows Trust Fund

Yes No



Article 12 Wakefield Education Association CBA

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Wakefield School Board and the Wakefield Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2025	123,217

and further to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS [\$123,217] 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.

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05

(The Wakefield School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0. The Wakefield Budget Committee recommends by a vote of 10-0.)

Yes No

Article 13 Wakefield Education Association CBA

Shall the school district, if WARRANT ARTICLE #13 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address WARRANT ARTICLE #13 cost items only?

Yes No