

2023 WARRANT ARTICLES
Mascoma Valley Regional School District
County of Grafton
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Mascoma Valley Regional School District in the County of Grafton, in the state of New Hampshire, consisting of the Towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton and Orange qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet on Saturday, **February 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM** at the Mascoma Valley Regional High School Auditorium in Canaan, New Hampshire, for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting to hear explanation, discuss and debate the subjects in Warrant Articles 4-8. Articles 4-8 may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended at the February 4th session shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

You are also hereby notified to meet again on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 for the second session of the Annual School District Meeting to vote by official ballot to elect officers, to vote questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session. Location and polling hours for the March 14, 2023 sessions are as follows:

TOWN	VOTING LOCATION	POLLING HOURS
Town of Canaan	Canaan Fire Station	8:00 am – 7:00 PM
Town of Dorchester	Dorchester Town Hall	11:00 am – 7:00 PM
Town of Enfield	Whitney Hall Auditorium	8:00 am – 7:00 PM
Town of Grafton	Grafton Fire & Ambulance Station	8:00 am – 7:00 PM
Town of Orange	Orange Town Hall	11:00 am – 7:00 PM

Article 1: To Choose School Board Members

To choose by ballot three (3) members of the School Board, each to be elected at large. One to serve a three (3) year term ending in 2026 from the Town of Dorchester, one to serve a three (3) year term ending in 2026 from the Town of Grafton and one to serve a three (3) year term ending in 2026 from the Town of Orange.

Article 2: To Choose District Budget Committee Members

To choose by ballot three (3) members of the District Budget Committee, each to be elected at large. One to serve a three (3) year term ending in 2026 from the Town of Dorchester, one to serve a three (3) year term ending in 2026 from the Town of Grafton and one to serve a three (3) year term ending in 2026 from the Town of Orange.

Article 3: To Choose School District Treasurer

To choose by ballot one (1) School District Treasurer to be elected at large to serve a three (3) year term ending in 2026.

Article 4: Operating Budget

Shall the Mascoma Valley Regional 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 deliberative session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirty Million, Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventeen (\$30,535,917) Dollars? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Thirty Million, Two Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Eleven (\$30,272,911) Dollars, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Mascoma Valley Regional 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.

(Majority vote required)

School Board Recommends (5:0:0)

Budget Committee Recommends (7:0:0)

Article 5: Teacher Negotiated Agreement

Shall the Mascoma Valley Regional School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Mascoma Valley Regional School Board and the Mascoma Valley Regional Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over those paid in the prior year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	\$542,459
2025	\$353,306
2026	\$314,452

And further to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Nine (\$542,459) Dollars 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.

(Majority vote required)

School Board Recommends (5:0:0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6:1:0)

Article 6: Fund Facilities Capital Reserve for the Capital Improvement Plan

Shall the Mascoma Valley Regional School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars to be added to the Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, to fund the Capital Improvement Plan, this sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

(Majority vote required)

School Board Recommends (5:0:0)

Budget Committee Recommends (7:0:0)

Article 7: Fund Special Education Capital Reserve

Shall the Mascoma Valley Regional School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2001, this sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

(Majority vote required)

School Board Recommends (5:0:0)

Budget Committee Recommends (7:0:0)

Article 8: Fund Accreditation Activities Capital Reserve

Shall the Mascoma Valley Regional School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be added to the Accreditation Activities Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2002, this sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1? No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

(Majority vote required)

School Board Recommends (5:0:0)

Budget Committee Recommends (7:0:0)