



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016**

Julie A. O'Brien
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.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One (1)

KEVIN VERVILLE

NATHAN W. OXNARD

(Write-in)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
MODERATOR**

One Year Term Vote for not more than One (1)

JONATHAN W. "JACK" HUTCHINSON

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

One Year Term Vote for not more than One (1)

JUDITH LYNN MARSHALL

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

One Year Term Vote for not more than One (1)

JULIE A. O'BRIEN

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES

1. Shall the Deerfield 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 \$12,321,520? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,238,286 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Deerfield 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
NO

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-0-0]*

If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$18.09 [per thousand], which will result in a \$0.73 increase over the previous year tax rate.

[Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget article) does not include separate Warrant Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5]

2. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Education Association for the 2016/17, 2017/18, and 2018/19 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2016/17	\$216,906
2017/18	\$145,164
2018/19	\$ 69,601

YES
NO

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$216,906 for the 2016/17 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?

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-0-0]*

[Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.39 per thousand]

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

3. Shall the Deerfield School District, if article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only? (Majority vote) **YES**
NO

4. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the **Facility Paving Plan Expendable Trust Fund** previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2016 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. No amount to be raised from taxation. **YES**
NO

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-0-0]*

5. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the **Replacing or Repairing Technology Expendable Trust Fund** previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2016 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. No amount to be raised from taxation. **YES**
NO

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-0-0]*

6. Due to the lack of any meaningful action by the Deerfield School Board relative to a Warrant Article of similar language passed by a majority voters during the March 2015 Deerfield election we again ask:

Shall the Deerfield School District vote to reject and immediately discontinue participation in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Smarter Balance Assessment, in favor of our own locally developed Deerfield School District academic standards and assessments, and recommend that the School Board form a committee (consisting of representatives from the school board, school administrators, teachers, and community members) to develop the Deerfield School District Academic Standards and Assessments? [This article is submitted by petition] **YES**
NO

7. Shall the Deerfield School District vote that the Deerfield Community School curriculum must:

- be rigorous for all learners,
- focus on critical-thinking, problem solving and analytical skills,
- use texts and learning materials that challenge and inspire students?

Furthermore, teachers and educational professionals in the Deerfield School District must:

- determine specific curriculum to be taught to Deerfield students,
- follow education standards adopted by the State of New Hampshire,
- use an assessment to measure student knowledge of the curriculum.

YES
NO

We feel the goal of this warrant is to continue rigorous curriculum improvement within the Deerfield School District without destroying the foundation of our existing curriculum as it is today. [This article is submitted by petition]

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING