

**1ST ANNUAL DELIBERATIVE SESSION
GILMANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016
10:00 AM- GILMANTON SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Gilmanton in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on District affairs:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative):

You are hereby notified to meet at the Gilmanton School Multi-purpose Room in said District on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 10:00 O'clock in the morning. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting):

Voting on warrant articles I through XVII will be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with town meeting voting to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2016, at the Town Election polls, Gilmanton Academy, 503 Province Road, Gilmanton, New Hampshire. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Sisti called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Members of the School Board present were Michael Hatch, Malcolm MacLeod, Adam Mini and Frank Weeks. Robert Carpenter was absent.

Also present were SAU #79 Superintendent of Schools John Fauci, Financial Manager Annmarie Gilligan, Principal Carol Locke, Director of Student Services Nancy Fournier, District Attorney Barbara Loughman, Budget Committee members Brian Forst, Michael Jean, Richard Gelatt, Anne Kirby, Mark Sawyer, Steven Bedard and Stan Bean. Also present were Supervisors of the Checklist members Jeanine Moorehead and Heather Carpenter.

ARTICLE I. Election of Officers (March 8th only)

Election of the School District Moderator.
Election of the School District Clerk.
Election of the School District Treasurer.
Election of two members of the School Board (three year positions)

ARTICLE II. District Officers' Salaries

That the salaries of District Officers be set for the coming year as follows:

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| Moderator | \$ 75.00 |
| District Clerk | \$ 500.00 |
| Chairperson of School Board | \$ 950.00 |
| School Board Members (4) each | \$ 825.00 |
| District Treasurer | \$1,200.00 |

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article II forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

There was no discussion on Article II.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article II forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE III. Gilmanton School Leach Field Pump Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$11,339.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund entitled, “Gilmanton School Septic System Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund” as previously established.

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article III forward. The motion was seconded by Stan Bean.

There was no discussion on Article III.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article III forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE IV. Roof Replacement Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$21,319.00) to be placed in the “Roof Replacement Expendable Trust Fund” as previously established.

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article IV forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

There was no discussion on Article IV.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article IV forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE V. Water Storage Tanks Capital Reserve

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Ninety-One Dollars (\$2,091.00) to be placed in the “Water Storage Tanks Capital Reserve Fund” as previously established.

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article V forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

There was no discussion on Article V.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article V forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE VI. Paving Capital Reserve

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the “Paving Capital Reserve Fund” as previously established.

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article VI forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

There was no discussion on Article VI.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article VI forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE VII. Boiler Replacement Expendable Trust

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eight Dollars (\$2,908.00) to be placed in the “Boiler Replacement Expendable Trust Fund” as previously established.

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article VII forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

There was no discussion on Article VII.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article VII forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE VIII. Tractor Replacement Expendable Trust

To see if the school district will vote to establish a Tractor Replacement Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for Tractor Replacement and to raise and appropriate \$2,300 to be placed in the fund; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required)

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article VIII forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

Don Guarino inquired how many hours per year is there put on the tractor? Adam Mini stated that the tractor was purchased last year and that the life of the tractor should be twenty years.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article VIII forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE IX. Asbestos Tile Replacement Expendable Trust

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in the “Asbestos Tile Replacement Expendable Trust” as previously established.

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article IX forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

Karen Clifford inquired as to Article IX. Adam Mini stated that this was a yearly project.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article IX forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE X School Replacement Fuel Storage Tanks

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to be placed in the “School Replacement Fuel Storage Tanks Expendable Trust” as previously established.

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article X forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article X forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE XI.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriation 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 the sum of Ten Million Five Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$10,518,428)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$10,429,657), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Gilmanton 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.

(School Board Recommend)

(Budget Committee Recommend)

Brian Forst made the motion to bring Article XI forward. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean.

Don Guarino inquired as to the special education increase in the budget. Malcolm MacLeod stated that this increase was to accommodate the needs of the special education students.

Brian Forst stated that the Budget Committee and the School Board both recommended this amended figure to go forward on the ballot. The Budget Committee had looked over the budget and had voted to reduce the proposed school board budget. He pointed out that the cost to educate one Gilmanton high school student to Gilford High School was \$18,000.00 per year. The cost to educate a student in need of serves in approximately \$14,000.00 per year for one student.

Moderator Sisti call the motion to bring Article XI forward to be moved to the ballot as written. The motion was unanimous.

ARTICLE XII. Petitioned Warrant Article

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Gilmanton School District on March 13, 2012, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?

ARTICLE XIII. Petitioned Warrant Article

Shall we adopt an ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed pursuant to RSA 31:39-a Prohibiting individuals from serving as members of the Gilmanton School Board while a spouse or immediate member of their family is employed by the Gilmanton School District. RSA 31:39-a Conflict of Interest Ordinances- The legislative body of a town or city may adopt any ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, establishing incompatibility of office requirements stricter than those specified by state law or establishing conditions under which prohibited conflicts of interest shall require removal from office. Any such ordinance shall include provisions to exempt affected officers and employees who are in office or employed at the time the ordinance is adopted for a period not to exceed one year from the date of adoption. The superior court shall have jurisdiction over any removal proceedings instituted under an ordinance adopted under this section.

School District Counsel, Attorney Barbara Loughman, stated that this petition warrant article was not binding in that the school board establishes policies for the district. The school board is responsible for establishing employment policies for the district. And it for that reason that the petition warrant articles, if adopted, would be advisory only.

Karen Clifford requested that Moderator Sisti read the petition warrant article. Moderator Sisti read the petition warrant article.

Carolyn Baldwin complained that this meeting was not posted on the town website but was posted on the school district website. She explained her frustration that residents do not know when meeting are scheduled.

Don Guarino indicated that the posting was on the town website.

Ron Leclerc indicated that he has been on the website and saw the posting of this meeting.

Karen Clifford stated that typing in the old Gilmanton website does not bring the page to the current google school district website.

Richard Gelatt stated that he had seen the posting on the website.

Heather Carpenter stated that if residents do not see posting on the town website to please call her and that she would be able to check to make sure that all information is posted on the website.

Hearing no further discussion before the body, it was the unanimous decision to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

It was noted that only 22 members of the public attended the Deliberative Session, not including members of the Budget Committee, members of the School Board and administration and members of the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel M. Frechette Hatch,
School District Clerk