

**AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT  
February 7, 2012 and March 13, 2012  
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Amherst School District, in the Town of Amherst, County of Hillsborough, and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Souhegan High School in said district on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., for Session I (Deliberation), for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot. This session shall consist of the explanation of all the warrant articles and the discussion and debate of warrant articles 12 through 16. 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 final vote on the main motion, as amended.

You are hereby further notified to meet at Souhegan High School on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote by official ballot for the election of School District officers and other action required to be inserted on the official ballot (warrant articles 11 through 15.)

*IMPORTANT NOTE ON WARRANT ARTICLE NUMBERS: To avoid confusion caused by having two warrant articles with the same number, Souhegan Cooperative School District Warrant Articles are numbered 1 through 10, Amherst School District warrant articles are numbered 11 through 20 and Town of Amherst warrant articles are numbered 21 and above.*

**ARTICLE 11**

To elect all necessary School District officers for the ensuing terms by official ballot vote on March 13, 2012, Souhegan High School, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Election of one (1) member of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.
- Election of one (1) member of the School Board for the ensuing two (2) years.

**ARTICLE 12**

Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount 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 **\$24,493,507**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$24,245,571**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Amherst 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 to pass.**

**The Amherst School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

**The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.**

**ARTICLE 13**

Shall the Amherst School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Amherst School Board and the Amherst Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase</b>
<b>2012 – 2013</b>	<b>\$14,173</b>
<b>2013 – 2014</b>	<b>\$41,729</b>
<b>2014 – 2015</b>	<b>\$45,770</b>

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,173** for the **2012 – 2013** fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Amherst School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

**The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.**

**ARTICLE 14**

Shall the Amherst School District, if Article 13 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 13 cost items only?

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Amherst School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

**The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.**

**ARTICLE 15**

Shall the Amherst School District vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$80,000** from the year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) if available on July 1, 2012 to be added to the Capital Facilities Repair, Maintenance, and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established in March, 2003?

**Majority vote required to pass.**

**The Amherst School Board unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 5 to 0.**

**The Amherst School District Ways & Means Committee unanimously recommends the passage of this article by a vote of 7 to 0.**

**ARTICLE 16**

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.  
This 2012 Warrant given under our hands at said Amherst this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012:

Peg Bennett  
Peg Bennett, Chairperson

Lucienne Foulks  
Lucienne Foulks

AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

~~Nancy Head~~ ~~James Manning~~

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Peter Maresco  
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