



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION
NEWFIELDS, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

Sue E. McKinnon
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

3 years Vote for not more than ONE

- JACKIE TASSINARI**
- JANE WALSH**
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(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 1. Operating Budget

Shall the 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 \$3,252,038? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,123,430, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Newfields School Board 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. The Newfields School Board Recommends \$3,252,038. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Article 2. Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the school district vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Newfields School Board and the Newfields Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase
2025: \$73,589
2026: \$86,013
2027: \$66,402

and further to raise and appropriate \$73,589 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. The Newfields School Board recommend \$73,589. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Article 3. Other

Shall the Newfields 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 required)

YES
NO

Article 4. Special Ed Trust Fund

Shall the school district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Newfields School Board recommends approval. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Article 5. School Building Maintenance Fund

Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000 to be added to the School Building Maintenance Fund established at the 1992 School District meeting for the purpose of repairing and maintaining school buildings? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Newfields School Board recommends approval. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Article 6. Technology Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Newfields School District vote to establish a Technology Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for unanticipated technology expenses and to raise and appropriate up to \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the Newfields School Board as agents to expend from the fund. The Newfields School Board recommends approval. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO

Article 7. Safety & Security Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the school district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000 to be added to the Safety and Security Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Newfields School Board recommends approval. (Majority vote required)

YES
NO