

**SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT
February 1, 2016 and March 8, 2016
AMHERST AND MONT VERNON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Souhegan Cooperative School District, consisting of the towns of Amherst and Mont Vernon, in the County of Hillsborough, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Souhegan High School in said district on Monday, February 1, 2016, 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, discussion and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 5. Warrant articles 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 shall be placed on the official ballot for 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 hereby further notified to meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, for official ballot voting on warrant articles numbered 1 through 4, and any other action required to be inserted on the official ballot. The polls for official ballot voting will be open as follows:

- Voting for Amherst residents: Souhegan High School, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Voting for Mont Vernon residents: Village School, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1 To elect all necessary Souhegan Cooperative School District officers for the ensuing terms by official ballot on March 8, 2016.

- Election of one (2) members of the School Board from Amherst for the ensuing three (3) years.
- Election of one (1) member of the School Board from Amherst for the ensuing one (1) year.
- Election of one (1) member of the School Board from Mont Vernon for the ensuing three (3) years.
- Election of one (1) school district moderator for the ensuing three (3) years.

Article 2 Shall the Souhegan Cooperative 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 **\$17,583,870**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$17,154,658** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Souhegan Cooperative 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 estimated tax impact of passing this article is a decrease of \$0.08 per \$1000 of assessment for Amherst and a decrease of \$0.31 per \$1000 of assessment for Mont Vernon.

The estimated tax impact of not passing this article is a decrease of \$0.20 per \$1000 of assessment for Amherst and a decrease of \$0.46 per \$1000 of assessment for Mont Vernon.

The Souhegan Cooperative School Board {unanimously recommends} the passage of this article by a vote of X to X.

The Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee {recommends} the passage of this article by a vote of X to X.

Article 3 Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District establish a Recreation Revolving Fund under the provisions of RSA 35-B:2,II? The money received from fees and charges for recreation services and facilities in the District shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the general unassigned fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the School Board (no further legislative body approval is required). These funds may be expended only for the recreation purposes stated in RSA 35-B and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Majority vote required to pass.

No Tax Impact.

The Souhegan Cooperative School Board {unanimously recommends} the passage of this article by a vote

of X to X.

The Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee [unanimously recommends the passage] of this article by a vote of X to X.

Article 4

Shall the Souhegan Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$65,000 from the year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) if available on July 1, 2015 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund known as the School Maintenance Fund previously established in March, 2005?

Majority vote required to pass.

The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessment for Amherst.

The estimated tax impact of this article is an increase of \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessment for Mont Vernon.

The Souhegan Cooperative School Board [unanimously recommends] the passage of this article by a vote of X to X.

The Souhegan Cooperative School District Advisory Finance Committee [unanimously recommends] the passage of this article by a vote of X to X.

Article 5

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

This 2016 Warrant given under our hands at said Amherst this ____ day of January 2016:

Mary Lou Mullens, Chairman

Howard Brown

David Chen

Stephen Coughlan

Pim Grondstra

Christine Janson

Jeanne Ludt

SOUHEGAN COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest

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