

**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024**

*Tony Ortiz*  
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.

**FOR SCHOOL BOARD**

(For 3 Years)	Vote for not more than ONE
TIMOTHY THEBERGE	<input type="radio"/>
GREG FRITZ	<input type="radio"/>
_____	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	

**ARTICLES**

**Article 12**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty nine million nine hundred and ninety seven thousand two hundred fourteen dollars (**\$49,997,214**) (gross budget) to finance the major addition, reconstruction and renovation project for the Wilkins Elementary School building, located at 80 Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH and to authorize the issuance of not more than forty nine million nine hundred and ninety seven thousand two hundred fourteen dollars (**\$49,997,214**) of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto, and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of one million two hundred forty nine thousand nine hundred thirty dollars (**\$1,249,930**) for the first year's interest payment on the bond. **3/5 ballot vote required.**

YES   
NO

**Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)**  
**Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.52 per thousand.**

**Article 13**

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 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 thirty four million fifty five thousand nine hundred eighty five dollars (**\$34,055,985**)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be thirty three million one hundred sixteen thousand five hundred nine dollars (**\$33,116,509**) 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.**

YES   
NO

**Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)**  
**Estimated tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.56 per thousand.**  
**Estimated tax impact of not passing this article is: \$0.17 per thousand.**

*\*NOTE: Warrant Article 13 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.*

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 14**

Shall the Amherst School District raise and appropriate the sum of up to six hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$675,000) to be added to the Amherst School District Capital Facilities Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Expendable Trust Fund, previously established in March 2003? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

**YES**   
**NO**

**Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)**

**Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.**  
**Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.28 per thousand.**

**Article 15**

Shall the Amherst School District establish a Technology Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of purchasing, updating, maintaining, and replacing hardware, software, services, and technology infrastructure, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Amherst School Board as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

**YES**   
**NO**

**Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)**

**Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.**  
**Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.03 per thousand.**

**Article 16**

Shall the Amherst School District establish a Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of purchasing new vehicles, replacing existing vehicles, and for vehicle repairs, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Amherst School Board as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. **Majority vote required.**

**YES**   
**NO**

**Recommended by the Amherst School Board (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Amherst School District Ways & Means (advisory budget committee) (7-0)**

**Estimated new tax impact of passing this article is: \$0.00 per thousand.**  
**Estimated new tax impact of not passing this article is: -\$0.01 per thousand.**

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**