

**LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK
COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warrant for the 2021
Annual School District Meeting**

To the inhabitants of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District affairs, the 2021 annual meeting and voting will be conducted as follows:

Session 1 Virtual Meeting. You are hereby notified to meet virtually on the 16th day of March 2021 to hear a presentation by the School Board and District Administration on the procedures to be followed for the 2021 annual School District meeting, and on all the School District's warrant articles. Following the meeting voters may provide the School Board with comments, input and suggestions on all warrant articles.

Session 2 Virtual Meeting. You are hereby notified to meet again virtually on the 18th day of March 2021 when the School Board will meet to process all voter comments, input and suggestions received and will vote to finalize the warrant to be presented to voters for voting by special ballot.

Session 3 Official Balloting/Voting. Voting for the election of District Officers by official ballot and on the annual meeting procedures and all other warrant articles as amended by the School Board will be held on the 26th day of March 2021, at the Lin-Wood High School beginning at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon and to close not earlier than 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1. To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To choose, by non-partisan ballot, two members of the School Board for a three-year term ending in 2024.

ARTICLE 3. To choose, by non-partisan ballot, two members of the School District Budget Committee for a three-year term ending in 2024, one member of the School District Budget Committee for a two-year term ending in 2023, and two members of the School District Budget Committee for a one-year term ending in 2022.

PROCEDURAL QUESTION A: Shall the voters approve the optional meeting procedures, authorized by the adoption of Chapter 8 (HB 1129), for conducting the 2021 Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative Annual School District meeting?

ARTICLE 4. To accept all reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, as written in the District's annual report, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5. Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred forty thousand dollars (\$540,000) for the purpose of upgrading the HVAC systems and controls at the Lin-Wood Elementary School, and to authorize the issuance of not more than five hundred forty thousand dollars (\$540,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. And further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) for the first year's interest payment on the bond. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (3/5 ballot vote required) Tax Impact: 10 Year Bond Lincoln = \$.05/per thousand, Woodstock = \$0.10/per thousand

ARTICLE 6. To see if the District will set the salaries of the School Board at \$1,000, the Vice Chairperson at \$1,250, the Chairperson at \$1,500, the Board Negotiation Team at \$150 per day, the Moderator at \$90 per meeting, the School District Clerk at \$250 per meeting, the Ballot Clerks at \$80 per meeting, the Supervisors of the Checklist at \$90 per meeting, and the School District Treasurer at \$4,000 per year. The money for this article is included in Article 7.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the School Board's recommended sum of eight million three hundred eighty-three thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars (\$8,383,796) for the support of schools; for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation such sums as are estimated to be received from state aid, together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock, respectively, the balance to be raised by taxes by the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock in accordance with the formula adopted by the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District; and the School Board further to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock the amount to be raised by taxation by each of said two towns. This article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board and Lin-Wood Education Association/NEA-New Hampshire which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ESTIMATED INCREASE</u>
2021-2022	\$114,887
2022-2023	\$112,635

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fourteen thousand eight hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$114,887) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. Shall the District, if Article 8 is defeated, authorize the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only? (Majority Vote)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-four thousand dollars (\$154,000) for the replacement of the Lin-Wood Middle/High School roof area encompassing the middle school hallway and classrooms and main entrance hallway (approx. 14,000 sq. ft.). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the school district will vote to establish a Special Education Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of meeting the expenses of students with disabilities, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty-four thousand dollars (\$184,000), with this sum to come from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance, contingent

upon the passage of Article 12. Further, to name the School Board as agents to expend from said fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required)

- ARTICLE 12. To see if the District will vote to discontinue the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund created in March 1998, said funds (in the approximate amount of \$184,000 as of June 30, 2021) with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the School District's General Fund, contingent upon the passage of Article 11. (Majority vote required)
- ARTICLE 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate sixty percent (60%) up to the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the School Facilities Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.
- ARTICLE 14. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.
- ARTICLE 15. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.
- ARTICLE 16. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the School Technology Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.
- ARTICLE 17. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate ten percent (10%) up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021, contingent upon the passage of Article 11. The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.
- ARTICLE 18. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to convey an easement to the Town of Lincoln over a small portion (11,049 sq. ft.) of the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District property for the Town to use as an emergency turnaround at the end of Pleasant St., on such terms and conditions as the School Board determines are in the best interest of the District. (The Town constructed a hammerhead in 2007, but the original authorization and executed easement to the property cannot be located.)
- ARTICLE 19. Shall the District vote to authorize the School Board to convey a driveway easement to Denise Heredeen, or her assigns, for a driveway to be connected from her property over a small portion of the District's property to connect to a hammerhead turnaround already constructed by the

Town of Lincoln on District property at the end of Pleasant St., all on such terms and conditions as the School Board determines are in the best interest of the District.

ARTICLE 20. By Petition, shall the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District rescind the school district's budget committee pursuant to RSA 195:12-a. This is a petition warrant article submitted per RSA 197:6. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of February 2021.

Matthew Manning, Chairperson

Jay Duguay, Vice-Chairperson

Brian Angelone

Joseph Bossie

Tamra Ham

Vance Pickering

Jasmine Weeden

Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board