

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2011**

L. Radke
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.

ARTICLE I

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

	Vote for not (3-year term) more than two (2)	
LESLIE SPENCER	408	<input type="radio"/>
THOMAS COLLETTE	1581	<input type="radio"/>
STEVEN CONNORS	1502	<input type="radio"/>
BILL FOOTE	1706	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
DON GRAFF	2011	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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ARTICLES

ARTICLE II. [Transfer to School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.] (Special Warrant Article) 2330
 Shall the school district raise and appropriate up to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the School Maintenance Fund previously established for the purpose of completing school facility capital maintenance projects with such amount to be funded from the June 30 fiscal year end unreserved fund balance (no amount to be raised from taxation) available for transfer on July 1? **(The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

YES ●
NO ○
1685

ARTICLE III. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Eighty Six Dollars (\$29,086) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2011/2012 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2010/2011 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

2223
YES ●
NO ○
1813

ARTICLE IV. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article III is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only? **(The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

2073
YES ●
NO ○
1933

ARTICLE V. [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$186,323) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2011/2012 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2010/2011 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

2127
YES ●
NO ○
1894

ARTICLE VI. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article V is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? **(The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

2021
YES ●
NO ○
1994

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE VII. [Operating budget.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately in Articles II, III, and V, 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 Fifty Nine Million Eight Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Seventy Eight Dollars (\$59,854,078)?

2654
YES
NO
1334

[Should this Article VII be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fifty Nine Million Nine Hundred Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$59,945,713) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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.] **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VIII. [Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

3443
YES
NO
543

ARTICLE IX. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District, at the termination of the school year, be allowed to solicit and accept donations, on a strictly voluntary basis, from parents to the Bedford School District in the name of their child’s individually named teacher(s)? The funds to be used as follows: ½ of the donation would go to a newly established IRA, (Individual Retirement Account), for that teacher, the other ½ of the donation would be used to abate the Bedford Town Taxes of resident tax paying Seniors, age 65 and up, who apply for such abatement. Abatement would be per taxed household and calculated as follows; available funds divided by the Number of valid abatement applications. Max Abatement not to exceed Two hundred dollars. Surplus funds, if any, would be used by the School Board to offset budgeted expenses in the current year. Additionally; 1) That the administration of the above is staffed and audited by volunteers so that there are no additional administrative expenses incurred by the School’s. 2) That individual donations be considered confidential, though the scope of the program be of public record. IN SUMMARY: The purpose of the Article is to incent and retain the highest caliber teaching staff AND (given that school budgets are ever more increasing) to partially abate the taxes of seniors who usually no longer have children in the school system and who often may be retired and living on a more fixed income. The District directs the Bedford School Board to take any other action necessary to give effect to this Article as delineated. **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

554
YES
NO
3429

ARTICLE X. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred forty-four thousand six hundred dollars (\$544,600) to fund salary increases for teachers represented by the Bedford Education Association for the 2011/2012 school year over the 2010/2011 school year with the method of allocation to be determined through negotiations between the Bedford School Board and the Bedford Education Association? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

1995
YES
NO
2008

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