



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #51

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PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

WARRANT 2025

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Pittsfield in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in District affairs you are hereby notified of the Deliberative Session, Session One, will be held as follows:

Thursday, February 6, 2025
7:00 p.m.
Pittsfield Middle High School Cafeteria
23 Oneida Street

Session Two will be held as follows:

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
7 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Pittsfield Middle High School Gymnasium
23 Oneida Street

Article 01 TO CHOOSE BY BALLOT THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

Two (2) School Board Members for a three (3) year term
One (1) School Board Member for a one (1) year term
One (1) School District Moderator for a two (2) year term
One (1) School District Clerk for a three (3) year term
One (1) School District Treasurer for a one (1) year term

Article 02 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate an operating budget, not including provisions on special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote in the first session, for the purposes set for therein, totaling \$11,721,971.

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,415,897, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pittsfield School District or by law, or the

governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA40:13X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$ 15.41 per thousand dollars of town's assessed value of \$364,367,937
Estimated tax impact of the default budget: \$17.32 per thousand dollars of town's assessed value of \$364,367,937.

Recommended by the Pittsfield School Board: (0 yes, 4 no)
Recommended by the Budget Committee: (10 yes, 4 no)

Article 03 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the one-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Pittsfield School Board and the Education Association of Pittsfield which call for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal year 2025-2026 Estimated salary increase: \$111,593
Estimated benefit increase: \$29,429
For a total estimated increase of \$141,022

And furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,022 for the upcoming fiscal year such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries, FICA, and retirement benefits as required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$.39 per thousand dollars of town's assessed value of \$364,367,937

Recommended by the Pittsfield School Board: (4 yes, 0 no)
Recommended by the Budget Committee: (11 yes, 3 no)

Article 04 RECONSIDERATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Shall the school district, if warrant article #03 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, per RSA 197:3, III, to address warrant article #03 cost items only. (Majority vote required)

Article 05 PETITION ARTICLE TO RESCIND SB2 – RETURN TO TRADITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Pittsfield School District on March 14, 2017, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law. Approval of this article would return to the traditional school district meeting format. (3/5 majority required)

Article 06 FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the support of the School Lunch Program. This appropriation will be funded by a like amount of revenue from the sales of food and State and Federal sources (Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00 per thousand dollars of town's assessed value of \$364,367,937

Recommended by the Pittsfield School Board: (4 yes,) 0 no

Recommended by the Budget Committee: (14 yes, 0 no)

Article 07 RECOVER AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS

To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$634,518 for the support of Federal and private foundation grant-funded educational programs of the Pittsfield School District. This appropriation is contingent upon receiving revenue from Federal grants and private foundations and will be expended in accordance with Federal and State requirements upon approval by the NH Department of Education or private foundation requirement. (Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00 per thousand dollars of town's assessed value of \$364,367,937

Recommended by the Pittsfield School Board: (4 yes) 0 no

Recommended by the Budget Committee: (14 yes, 0 no)

Signed by School Board members, January 24, 2025



Sandra J. Adams, Chairperson



Molly Goggin, Vice Chairperson



Adam Gauthier



Timothy Robinson

Eric Nilsson

Received January 27, 2025

Erica Anthony, School District Clerk

Signed by Erica Anthony, School District Clerk, January 27, 2025