



School Deliberative Session 2023
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The School Deliberative Session (SDS) is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th 2023 at 6 PM at the Nottingham School. If it snows, the snow date will be Friday, February 10th at 6 PM. Like the [Town Deliberative Session \(TDS\)](#), the SDS is actually the first part of a two-step Town Meeting process. The second part will occur at the Nottingham School, on March 14, 2023, to vote on all Warrant Articles as well as Article #1 the election of School and Town officers. The polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM. A reminder, this is a *deliberative session*. Meaning the Warrant Articles can only be amended there but not voted on until March 14. And, the amendments cannot change “the spirit” of the WA

Here are the Warrant Articles for the School Deliberative Session 2023.

First Session of the Annual Meeting (Deliberative):

You are hereby notified to meet at the Nottingham School, 245 Stage Road in Nottingham, New Hampshire on Wednesday the 8th of February 2023, at 6:00 p.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles I to 10. 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.



ARTICLE #2

Shall the Nottingham 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 the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Fifteen Million, Six Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-One Dollars

(\$15,613,991)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fifteen Million, Five Hundred Nine Thousand, Ninety-Six Dollars (\$ 15,509,096), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Nottingham School Board or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40: 13, X and WI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

The operating budget warrant does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 6-4 vote.

The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$14.50 per \$1,000.

The estimated tax impact of this article does not pass is \$14.38 per \$1,000.

ARTICLE #3

Shall the Nottingham School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Nottingham Teacher Association and the Nottingham School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits, at the current staffing levels, over those paid in the prior fiscal year;

Year	Estimated Increase over the previous year
2023-2024	\$88,860
2024-2025	\$83,014
2025-2026	\$100,336

And to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,860 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the negotiated increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? (Majority vote required)

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 4-3-3 vote.

The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$0.11 per \$1, 000.
The Tax impact if this article does not pass is \$0.00 per \$1000

ARTICLE #4

Shall the Nottingham School District, if Article #3 is defeated, authorize the Nottingham School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #3 cost items only? (Majority vote required)

The School Board recommends this article by a 5-0 vote.

ARTICLE #5

To see if the Nottingham School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy- One Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$71 ,870} for the purpose of the renovation of two (2) science classrooms at the Nottingham School. (Majority vote required)

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 7-3 vote. The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$0.09 per \$1, 000.

ARTICLE #6

To see if the Nottingham School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$ 140,000) to be added to the Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This sum is to come from June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No additional amount to be raised by taxation. Current balance on 11/30/22 is \$208,537.38*. (Majority vote required)

(*\$50,000 will be added to the current balance prior to the vote with an anticipated withdrawal of \$141,240 for the replacement of the Nottingham School Gymnasium and Cafeteria flat roof, making the anticipated balance \$117,297.38)

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by an 8-0-2 vote.
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

ARTICLE #7

To see if Nottingham School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$ 15,000) to be added to the Textbook Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This sum is to come from June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No additional amount to be raised by taxation. Current balance on 11/30/22 is \$40,999.05. (Majority vote required)

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 7-3 vote. There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

ARTICLE #8

To see if the Nottingham School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This sum is to come from June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No additional amount to be raised by taxation. Current balance on 11/30/22 is **\$158,02** (Majority vote required)

(*\$ 10,000 will be added to the current balance prior to the vote, making the anticipated balance \$168,022.95)

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by an 8-0-2 vote. There is no additional tax impact if this article passes



ARTICLE #9

To see if the Nottingham School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Grounds Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This sum is to

come from June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No additional amount to be raised by taxation. Current balance on 11/30/22 is ~~\$88,715.43~~*. (Majority vote required)

(will be added to the current balance prior to the vote, making the anticipated balance \$98,715.43).

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 7-3 vote. There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

ARTICLE 10

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increase the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%? (A 3/5 Majority Vote required.) By Citizen Petition

Be there!

