

**BRIDGEWATER-HEBRON VILLAGE DISTRICT  
ANNUAL ELECTION & MEETING  
April 8, 2025**

The Annual Meeting following the election of the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District began at 7:04 with approximately 30 residents in attendance.

Article #1: "To choose District Commissioners and other officers for the ensuing years."

Moderator Denton read the results of the ballots cast which were as follows:

Commissioner:

Derry Riddle – 42 votes cast with 1 write in

Moderator:

Matthew Denton – 43 ballots cast

Article #2: "To see if the Village District will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,750,000 for a two-classroom expansion, furniture and paving upgrades and to authorize the issuance of a bond for that purpose in that amount not to exceed six years in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the interest rate thereon. Further, raise and appropriate \$241,524 for the first-year's payment on the bond. This appropriation is wholly contingent on the District receiving a \$500,000 contribution from a private foundation for the above expansion. (Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the Operational Budget.) Recommended by the Commissioners.

Derry Riddle moved this Article as written, which was seconded by John Dunklee.

Derry Riddle spoke on this Article providing a history of the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District school. It was noted that the contribution from a private foundation is only good for this year and will not be an option for the future, nothing that if this Article does not pass that contribution will be lost. Brackley Shaw who was the original architect for the Bridgewater-Hebron school provided

drawings and a model that were on display in the front of the room. The Commissioners received a \$1.2 million estimate from the original builders of the school which will be built under construction management. This article should not raise taxes for either town.

Terry Murphy explained the \$241,524 as outlined in the budget explaining where those funds are allocated.

The Moderator asked residents to vote using their yes/no paper ballots. This Article will be held open for 1 hour and will resume at 8:10 for the final voting results.

At this time, the meeting held until 8:10PM when the one hour expired for Article #2.

Moderator Denton read the results of Article #2 as follows:

Yes - 36

No – 0

Article #2 passed.

Article #3: “To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$218,476 which represents the operating budget. (Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.) Recommended by the Commissioners.

Wesley Morrill moved this Article as written, which was seconded by Maurice Jenness.

Terry Murphy spoke on this Article explaining the difference between the bond in Article #2 and the Budget in Article #3. Terry further commented that no catastrophic events are expected as this building is maintained very well and in the event of any issue where funds to be expended, it would come before the District for a vote.

Aubrey Freeman asked why the “Legal Matters” line was such a specific number. Terry Murphy responded it was basically just an estimated amount.

Kathleen Connor asked for confirmation that the Commissioners would not be handling the curriculum, which Terry Murphy confirmed they would not be involved in that at all.

Kathleen Connor also questioned why the District Treasurer cost increased so much. Julie Converse stated it was basically contractor services such as the Superintendent and Business Manager services.

All were in favor. Article #3 passed unanimously.

Article #4: “To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.”

No business was brought forward.

8:12PM – Terry Murphy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Derry Riddle. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Kenny  
Bridgewater-Hebron Village District Clerk