

**PASQUANEY SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
2025
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWNS OF BRIDGEWATER, HEBRON AND GROTON IN
THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN PASQUANEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT (School Administrative Unit #108) AFFAIRS:**

**You are hereby notified to meet at the respective polling place in each Town on
Tuesday the 11th of March, 2025 at the designated times for ballot voting of Officers
(Article 1 through Article 3) and all other matters requiring ballot vote
(Bridgewater – 297 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater;
Hebron - Community Hall (basement of the Hebron Church) at 16 Church Lane, Hebron;
Groton - Town House Community Room at 754 N Groton Rd, Groton);
and
to meet at the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School, 25 School House Road,
Bridgewater, NH on Tuesday, the 25th of March, 2025 at 6:00 PM to act upon
Article 4 through Article 15**

Article 1: To choose by official ballot the following Officers:

- District Moderator for one year (all District Towns);
- 1 School Board Member from Bridgewater for a two-year term;
- 1 School Board Member from Groton for a three-year term;
- 1 School Board Member from Hebron for a three-year term.

Article 2: Shall the Pasquaney School District vote to amend Article 3 of the Articles of Agreement among the School District towns of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton to add two at-large School Board members to increase the board from 3 members to 5 members as follows (changes in italics & bold):

Effective March 2026, there shall be ***five (5)*** members of the Pasquaney School District School Board ("School Board"). The voters of each town shall be entitled to elect one member, *as a town representative, and two members shall be elected "at-large," by a majority vote of the entire district at annual School District meetings.* The ballot shall be a nonpartisan ballot consistent with RSA 669. Each town shall coordinate its own official ballot voting session for the election of its school board member *and district wide representative.*

The members of the School Board shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

The District shall utilize the Supervisors of the Checklist from each town and shall, when deemed feasible by its Board, coordinate its elections of board members, officers and official ballot questions with the towns' voting sessions for the second Tuesday of March. The adoption of these Articles of Agreement shall be deemed a vote that the supervisors of each town, acting as the supervisors of the cooperative school district, shall make, correct and post in each pre-existing district a checklist of the voters in each pre-existing district and shall certify to the same acting as supervisors of the cooperative school district and shall attend the cooperative school district meeting. At each cooperative school district election, the checklists prepared by the supervisors in each of the towns in accordance with this section shall be used.

The members of the School Board from Groton and Hebron shall serve a term of three years. The term of the initial member of the School Board from Bridgewater shall be for two years, with subsequent members from Bridgewater serving a term of three years. The at-large school board members shall serve a term of three years, ***however, the initial term of one at-large member shall be 2 years***. The initial member from Bridgewater shall serve until the 2027 annual meeting of the District. The initial members from Hebron and Groton shall serve until the **2028** annual meeting of the District. ***The at-large members shall be elected in March 2026; one at-large member shall serve until the 2028 annual meeting and the other at-large member shall serve until the 2029 annual meeting.***

The elected School Board shall have all the powers, authority and responsibilities of a cooperative school district board. It shall have the responsibility to effectuate plans and policies for the ensuing operation of the district, hold the necessary budgetary hearings and propose the initial operating budget to the legislative body of the created district at an annual meeting of the district to be held in the same manner as an operating school district under RSA 195, RSA 197 and RSA 198 for adoption of an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on the effective date of operation. This annual meeting shall have the same power and authority as the annual meeting of a fully operating school district including, but not limited to the raising or appropriating money for the ensuing fiscal year.

The newly formed school board may enter into long and short-term tuition agreements with the Newfound Area School District or any other public school district, public academy or school pursuant to RSA 194:22 or RSA 193:3, VI for the education of those resident students in middle or high school who enroll in the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District and may also vote to build additions or a separate school.

The District may vote to amend these Articles to expand or change the membership on its Board in accord with the provisions and limitations of RSA 195:19-a (2023 session version).

NOTE: If this amendment passes, it shall take effect upon approval from the State Board of Education

Article 3: Shall the Pasquaney School District vote to amend Article 4c of the Articles of Agreement among the School District towns of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton to simplify the minimum contribution from each town to a minimum of 15 students as follows (changes in italics & bold):

As of the operating date of July 1, 2025, the minimum base ADM charge for each pre-existing town shall be 15 students, and base ratio formula approved in the initial Articles of Agreement shall be replaced with the minimum student maintenance number of 15. Should student enrollments fall below the base student maintenance number in a member town, the town will be assessed an ADM charge of 15 students and the differential deducted equally from the remaining towns. This minimum number may only be modified by a 2/3 majority vote of the current district school board and the district voters.

Note: If this amendment passes, it shall take effect upon approval from the State Board of Education.

Article 4: To see if the Pasquaney School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$6,595,974) for the support of school, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.
(Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 5: Shall the Pasquaney School District vote to approve the costs included in the employment agreements between the Pasquaney School Board and the certified teachers of Bridgewater-Hebron Village School for the following salaries and benefits for the 2025-2026 school year and the following increases in salaries and benefits over next year's current salaries:

Account	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Salaries	\$49,014	\$37,459	\$55,825
Retirement & Taxes	\$13,175	\$10,069	\$15,006
Total	\$62,189	\$47,528	\$70,831

And further, raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$62,189) for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, such sum represents the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits contained within the agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The costs for the years of the agreement beyond the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal year will be included in the operating budget proposal each of those years.

(Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 6: Shall the Pasquaney School District accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?
(Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 7: To see if the Pasquaney School District will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II.
(Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 8: To see if the Pasquaney School District will vote to establish a Technology Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of purchasing, installing, repairing, maintaining, replacing, and upgrading the District's technology-related resources and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 (One Hundred Dollars) to be placed in the Technology Expendable Trust Fund, and to further name the School Board as agents to expend from the fund.
(Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 9: To see if the Pasquaney School District will vote to establish a Special Education Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-b to meet the expenses of educating children with disabilities and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 (One Hundred Dollars) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Pasquaney School Board as agents to expend from said fund.
(Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 10: To see if the Pasquaney School District shall vote to ratify and approve the Reciprocal Tuition Agreement between the Pasquaney School District and the Newfound Area School District, for the education of Pasquaney students in middle and high school, for a term of up to four years, commencing on July 1, 2025.
(Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 11: To see if the Pasquaney School District shall vote to ratify and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pasquaney School District and the Pemi-Baker Regional School District, for the education of Pasquaney students in grades 9-12, for an initial term of one year, commencing on July 1, 2025, with an automatic annual renewal each school year, unless terminated by mutual agreement of the two school boards or upon written notification from one school board to the other.
(Majority vote required) (School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 12: To see if the Pasquaney School District shall vote to ratify and approve the multi-year lease agreement between the Pasquaney School District and the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District, allowing the Pasquaney School District to rent the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School for a term of 5 years, commencing on July 1, 2025, and continuing through June 30, 2030, at a rate of \$1 per year.

(Majority vote required)

(School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 13: To see if the Pasquaney School District shall adopt the provisions of RSA 194:4, III and RSA 194:19-c, I and vote that the supervisors of the checklist of each town (Bridgewater, Hebron, Groton) shall act as the supervisors of each preexisting district (Bridgewater, Hebron, Groton) for purposes of making, posting, and correcting the checklist, along with certifying the making, posting and correction of the same, whenever the Pasquaney School District is required to hold such sessions.

(Majority vote required)

(School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 14: To see if the Pasquaney School District shall vote to elect its school district officers and other matters requiring an official ballot vote on the second Tuesday in March as the first session of its Annual meeting, and to utilize the town election officials in each of the preexisting school districts (Bridgewater, Hebron, Groton). RSA 671:22, II.

(Majority vote required)

(School Board Recommends Approval)

Article 15: To see if the Pasquaney School District shall vote to designate the Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Hebron as the trustees to hold and administer gifts, legacies or devises made to, and accepted by, the Pasquaney School District, as well the Trust Funds created by the Pasquaney School District.

(Majority vote required)

(School Board Recommends Approval)


Given under our hand and seal this 13th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.


Virginia Parker

School Board

Erick Piper


of



Mark Coulson

Pasquaney School District

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2025

A true copy of warrant attests:



Virginia Parker

Erick Piper

School Board

of

Pasquaney School District



Mark Coulson