



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2018**

*Patricia Tucker*  
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.

<p align="center"><b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER</b></p> <p>Three (3) years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>STEPHEN HEATH</b> <u>303</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-In)</p>	<p align="center"><b>SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK</b></p> <p>One (1) year <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>PATRICIA TUCKER</b> <u>303</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-In)</p>
<p align="center"><b>SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR</b></p> <p>One (1) year <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-In)</p>	<p align="center"><b>SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</b></p> <p>One (1) year <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>BRIAN CHALMERS</b> <u>281</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-In)</p>

**ARTICLES**

**Article 2.** Shall the Ashland School District set the salaries of district officers for the coming year as follows?

Moderator	\$25.00	
District Clerk	\$12.00/hour	277
School Board Chairman	\$500.00	YES <input type="radio"/>
School Board Members (4) each	\$400.00	NO <input type="radio"/>
District Treasurer	\$800.00	666

*The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 5 in favor; 1 opposed.  
 The Ashland School Board recommends this article by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed.*

**Article 3.** To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Ashland School Board and the Ashland Teachers Association 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	
2018-2019	\$47,829	
2019-2020	\$55,071	
2020-2021	\$48,127	
2021-2022	\$46,468	243

And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,829 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

*The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 6 in favor; 0 opposed.  
 The Ashland School Board recommends this article by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed.*

**Article 4.** Shall the District, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the Ashland School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only?

YES  258  
 NO  90

*The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7 in favor; 0 opposed.  
 The Ashland School Board recommends this article by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed.*

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5. Shall the Ashland 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,401,945? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,405,960, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Ashland School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with R.S.A. 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This article excludes special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.)

YES  288  
NO  58

The Ashland Budget Committee recommends the appropriation of 3,401,945 by a vote of 7 in favor; 0 opposed. The Ashland School Board recommends the appropriation of \$3,401,945 by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

Article 6. Shall the Ashland School District vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the previously established School Safety, Security and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund?

YES  211  
NO  133

The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4 in favor; 2 opposed. The Ashland School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed. (Majority vote required.)

Article 7. Shall the Ashland School District vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to be placed in the previously established Special Education Trust Fund, with up to \$15,000 to be funded from the June 30, 2018 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2018, the balance to come from general taxation?

YES  211  
NO  127

The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4 in favor; 2 opposed. The Ashland School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed. (Majority vote required.)

Article 8. To see if the District shall vote to accept the report and recommendation of the Withdrawal Study Committee that the Ashland School District not withdraw from SAU #2.

YES  254  
NO  80

The Ashland School Board recommends this article by a vote of 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT