

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2012 VOTER'S GUIDE

This is a guide for the upcoming Annual Meeting Session II. It has been prepared to provide you additional information for your voting decisions, prior to entering into the voting booth on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

Attached is a sample ballot format with brief explanations on the articles. This has been prepared in follow-up to the Deliberative Session and includes changes made at that meeting.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the SAU #83 Administrative office at 895-6903.

We hope this information is helpful for your understanding of the issues to be voted upon at the 2012 Annual School District Meeting, Second Session.

Ida Keane Andrew Kohlhofer Deborah Genthner Sharon Girardi Jeffrey Rowell

Fremont School Board

In our second year of the SB2 School District Meeting, this Voter Guide has been prepared to provide additional information to assist voters in making informed decisions about the many challenges facing the Town. The process is different with regard to activity on this warrant. The Official Warrants remains one document. It is reviewed and discussed at the Deliberative Session. Following any changes at that session, a final format of the questions is created, called the Official Ballot. Thus SB2 is called the Official Ballot law. Following the Deliberative Session, this VOTER GUIDE is prepared to include the changes from Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 4th. At that session, 63 registered voters were in attendance and all Articles on the Warrant were reviewed and discussed. This document includes the final text of all material to be voted on at the polls March 13, 2012.

In this Voter Guide, the warrant article is written in plain text and the narrative information is below each article, in *italics*. This information, with all Warrant Articles as amended, will appear on the Official Ballot.

Voting on the finalized Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Laurence Pettengill Hall, Ellis School, 432 Main Street, Fremont, NH. Polls are open hours from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. You can also request an absentee ballot for this session by contacting the Fremont Town Clerk for information at 895-8693.

The School Board and the Budget Committee recommendations on all Warrant Articles are included. For voter information, in the narrative position of this guide, we have also included tax rate estimates, and other information pertinent to voter consideration of each article. The type of vote required appears in parentheses at the end of each article as well, such as majority or 2/3 vote requirements.

In 2011, the School's portion of the tax rate was \$20.54 as a reference. You can also refer to tax rate historical information elsewhere in the 2011 Town Report.

School Warrant Articles

ARTICLE 1:

School Board member - 2 for 3 years

___ Ida Keane

___ Greg Fraize

Write in _____

School District Moderator - 1 for 1 year

___ Michael Rydeen

Write in _____

School District Clerk – 1 for 1 year

No candidates declared

Write in _____

School District Treasurer – 1 for 1 year

___ Elizabeth J. Stanley

Write in _____

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Fremont School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective bargaining agreement reached between the Fremont School Board and the Ellis School Support Staff (AFT- Local #6223) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal year	Estimated Increase
2012-2013	\$0
2013-2014	\$0

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the net increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels if no new agreement were approved.

(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 7-0)

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board 5-0)

The estimated tax impact is zero (\$0.00).

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Fremont School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 2 cost items only?

(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee, 7-0)

(Recommended by the Fremont School Board, 5-0)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Fremont 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 purpose therein set forth, totaling \$11,049,721. Should this article be defeated,

the default budget shall be \$11,048,753, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Fremont School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 7-0)
(Recommended by the Fremont School Board, 5-0)

With SB2 in place, this master budget article includes the number recommended by the Budget Committee and the School Board of \$11,049,721. There were no changes to this article during deliberative session.

The estimated tax impact would be \$.45 per thousand.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Fremont School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established expendable trust fund, known as the Ellis School Building and Grounds Maintenance Fund. This sum to come from the June 30, 2012 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2012. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Fremont Budget Committee 5-1)
(Recommended by the Fremont School Board, 5-0)

The estimated tax impact would be \$.00 per thousand as funds would come from any unreserved fund balance.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$69,990.00) for the employment of a foreign language teacher for the 2012-2013 school year. (Majority Vote required)

(Recommended by the Fremont Budget committee 6-1)
(Recommended by the Fremont School Board, 4-1)

The estimated tax impact would be \$.19 per thousand.

Please be sure to vote on Election Day Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

**Ellis School
432 Main Street
Fremont, NH**

Contact the Town Clerk for absentee ballot information at 895-8693.
Check the Town website for further information and details.

www.Fremont.nh.gov

