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“The mission of the Alton School District as our community school is to ensure our students learn and apply the knowledge and skills to become critical thinkers and contributing citizens.”

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SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING DATES

The Alton School Board generally meets the second Monday of each month, year round, in the Middle School Library at Alton Central School, 41 School Street, Alton. Check the website calendar for dates and times.

The agenda is posted at the SAU 72 Office, the Alton Post Office, Alton Central School, Prospect Mountain High School and on line at www.myacs.org.

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FY17 Warrant Articles
Remember to Vote on
March 14th

Please take the time to exercise your right to vote. Voting on warrant articles and for District Officers will take place on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 40 Hidden Springs Road, Alton. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 7:00 P.M.

District Officers
School Board: For 3 years – Vote for One (1)
    David Conrad
    Karen Kharitonov

Moderator: Vote for One (1)
    Robin Lane

School District Clerk: Vote for One (1)
    Linda C. Roy

School District Treasurer: For 3 years – Vote for One (1)
    Jean M. Stone

ARTICLE II:
To determine and fix the salaries of the School Board and the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: Moderator $400.00 per meeting; Clerk $400.00 per meeting; Treasurer, $2,200.00; Chairman of the School Board $2,100.00; School Board Members $2,000.00. These cost items are included in the operating budget. (The Alton School Board recommends by vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommend by a vote of 4-3.)

The Salaries of the District officers are included in the operating budget and are not in addition to Article III.
ARTICLE III:
Shall the Alton 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 FOURTEEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($14,796,962.00) (Fiscal Note: The amount of $4,176,004.00 is the net appropriation for the Prospect Mountain High School operating budget which is included in the gross budget amount listed above and recommended by the Joint Maintenance Agreement (JMA) Budget Committee.) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be FIFTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($15,161,886.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Alton 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. (This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.) (The Alton School Board recommends $14,796,962.00 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $14,796,962.00 by a vote of 5-2.)

Article III – the operating budget provides the necessary funding to support the operation of the Alton Central School as well as the Alton portion of Prospect Mountain High School.

ARTICLE IV:
To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Alton School District and the Alton Teachers’ Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of - ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND EIGHT DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($130,008.00) for the 2017/2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (The Alton School Board recommends $130,008.00 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $130,008.00 by a vote of 6-1.)

Article IV – teachers will receive a 3% increase the first year, 2% year two and 1% year three. The insurance co-pay will increase from 14% to 15%.

ARTICLE V: Special Warrant Article:
Shall the School District, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only.

Article V – if Article IV is defeated, this article would allow the Alton Teachers’ Association and the Alton School Board the opportunity to begin negotiating a contract again, and then hold a special District meeting to seek voter approval on the cost items in negotiated contract.

ARTICLE VI: Special Warrant Article:
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY – FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($65,000.00) to be added to the existing Security and Safety Expendable Trust Fund created 03-14-00 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of maintaining the safety of the school buildings (Used solely for asbestos removal and abatement). (The Alton School Board recommends $65,000.00 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $65,000.00 by a vote of 6-0.)

Article VI – it is the intent of the school board to use this account solely for asbestos removal and abatement. Current balance is zero dollars.

ARTICLE VII: Special Warrant Article:
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND
DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($20,000.00) to be added to the non-capital, non-lapping reserve fund known as the “Alton Professional Development Fund” previously established 3-13-12 for the purpose of reimbursing Alton Central School teachers for the costs of professional development. A detailed report of all expenditures from the fund shall be made annually by the School Board and published in their annual report. (The Alton School Board recommends $20,000.00 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $20,000.00 by a vote of 5-1.)

Article VII – the professional staff has access to funds to support their professional improvement through participation in graduate level courses, etc. This article would add $20,000.00 to the existing Alton Professional Development Fund, which has a current balance of $30,341.28

ARTICLE VIII: Special Warrant Article
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($70,000.00) to be added to the existing Boiler Capital Reserve Fund created 3-9-99 under RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing/replacing water heaters, boilers, and ventilation systems. (The Alton School Board recommends $70,000.00 by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $70,000.00 by a vote of 6-1.)

Article VIII – this warrant article will be the first in a five-year plan to prepare for the refitting of boiler piping that will take place in school year 2021-22. The Boiler Cap. Res. Fund currently has a balance of $48,146.00.

ARTICLE IX: Special Warrant Article
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($20,000.00) to be added to the Prospect Mountain High School Athletic Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established, said sum representing Fifty percent (50%) of the total appropriation of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($40,000.00). And further that this appropriation shall be contingent upon both Alton (50%) and Barnstead (50%) School Districts adopting the article and appropriating and transferring their respective sum of money. (JMA Board recommends by a vote of 6-0. The Alton School Board recommends by a vote of 5-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $20,000.00 by a vote of 7-0.)

Article IX – this article adds to a non-lapping capital reserve fund for future maintenance and repairs of the athletic fields at Prospect Mountain High School, including the track and tennis courts. Due to requests to draw this fund for necessary fieldwork, it is suggested that this fund be increased by $20,000.00 annually to insure that needed money will be available when the track resurfacing is required. (Total to be raised, $40,000, which will be split 50/50 as a Capital Expense. Currently this fund has a balance of $35,070.00.)

ARTICLE X:
To hear report of any committees, boards, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters and vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Message from the Superintendent....... 

For the past several months, District Administrators and the School Board have been working together to create a budget that will support and advance curriculum development, student achievement, technology, enrichment, professional development, and facility upgrades. Our staff is committed to providing an education that enhances and enriches all students as they prepare for a future that holds endless possibilities and career paths yet to be created. With your support and, guided by the District Mission Statement, we will continue to “ensure that our students learn and apply their knowledge and skills so they will become critical thinkers and contributing citizens.”

Respectfully, 
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