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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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FY16 Warrant Articles
Remember to Vote on
March 8th

Please take the time to exercise your right to vote. Voting on warrant articles and for District Officers will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley 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 Two (2)
Connie Racine
Michael Ball
Faye LaCourse
Peter Leavitt

Moderator:
Robin Lane

School District Clerk:
Linda Roy

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 4-0.)

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 FIFTEEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($15,174,547.00). (Fiscal Note: The amount of $4,367,339.00 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, TWENTY THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($15,020,238.00) 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 does not recommend $15,174,547.00 by a vote of 0-4. The Alton Budget Committee does not recommend $15,174,547.00 by a vote of 2-3.)

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. There was an increase of $250,000 made at the Deliberative Session. This warrant article is not supported by the Alton School Board nor the Alton Budget Committee with this increase.

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 FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($104,521.00) for the 2016/2017 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 $104,521.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $104,521.00 by a vote of 7-0.)

Article IV – teachers will receive steps lost from 2010/11 and 2009/10. An extra 20 minutes is added to each of the 180 school days. Insurance co-pay will increase from 12% to 14%.

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 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($60,000.00) to be added to the existing Building and Grounds Expendable Trust created 3-11-08 under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of building, repairing, and maintaining school facilities. (The Alton School Board recommends $60,000.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $60,000.00 by a vote of 6-1.)

Article VI – it is the intent of the school board to use this account for asbestos abatement.

ARTICLE VII: Special Warrant Article:
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($40,000.00) 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 $40,000.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $40,000.00 by a vote of 6-1.)
Article VII – the age of the boilers suggests replacements will be required in the near future.

ARTICLE VIII: Special Warrant Article
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($50,000.00) 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. (The Alton School Board recommends $50,000.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $50,000.00 by a vote of 4-3.)

Article VIII – the board intends to fence the fields for the safety of all children.

ARTICLE IX:
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($100,000.00) to be added to the existing Special Education Capital Reserve Fund previously established 3-14-87 under RSA 35:1-b. This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. (The Alton School Board recommends $100,000.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee does not recommend $100,000.00 by a vote of 3-4.)

Article IX – to offset unanticipated enrollment of high cost, coded students.

ARTICLE X:
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($40,000.00) to be added to the Prospect Mountain High School General Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established, said sum representing Fifty Percent (50%) of the total appropriation of EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($80,000.00), and further that this appropriation shall be contingent upon both Alton (50%) and Barnstead (50%) School Districts adopting this article and appropriating and transferring their respective sum of money. (JMA Board recommends by a vote of 8-0. The Alton School Board recommends $40,000.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $40,000.00 by a vote of 6-1.) (Majority Vote required).

Article X – adds funds to the existing Capital Reserve fund for unanticipated general maintenance expenses at Prospect Mountain High School.

ARTICLE XI:
To see if the Alton School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($479,500.00) said sum representing Fifty Percent (50%) of the total appropriation of NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($959,000.00) for the purpose of installing an engineered metal roof system on Prospect Mountain High School, and further that this appropriation shall be contingent upon both Alton (50%) and Barnstead (50%) School Districts adopting this article and appropriating and transferring their respective sum of money. (JMA Board recommends by a vote of 8-0. The Alton School Board recommends $479,500.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $479,500.00 by a vote of 7-0.) (Majority Vote required).

Article XI – funds from the passage of this article will be used to install a replacement engineered metal roof system on Prospect Mountain High School. Since 2012, concerns about the premature deterioration of the current roof have been addressed. Recourse regarding remedies from the builder were eliminated due to the Statute of Repose that prohibits actions against a builder for poor workmanship beyond eight years from substantial completion of a project. Repair and replacement options were considered, and ultimately a metal engineered roof was recommended by the PMHS Board as the most effective and cost effective solution. Over the past two years major leaks and issues were addressed and repairs were made using the engineered roofing. This article would address the remaining sections of the roof which continue to deteriorate. The replacement would address continuing roof problems and should take us into the next century.
ARTICLE XII:
To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR-HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($26,477.00) to be added to replenish the Improvement of Instruction Capital Reserve Fund to the cap previously established, said sum representing Fifty-five and Three-hundredths percent (55.03%) of the total appropriation of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($48,113.00) and further that this appropriation shall be contingent upon both Alton (55.03%) and Barnstead (44.97%) School Districts adopting the article and appropriating and transferring their respective sum of money. And further to designate the Prospect Mountain High School Board as the agent to expend from the fund. (JMA Board recommends by a vote of 8-0. The Alton School Board recommends $26,477.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $26,477.00 by a vote of 6-1.) (Majority Vote required).

Article XII – addresses funding a collective bargaining agreement between Prospect Mountain High School Board and Prospect Mountain Teachers’ Association that provides for paid professional improvement for teacher up to $2,000 per teacher per year. With a current staff of forty-six teachers, that translates into a contractual liability of $92,000 per year. This year’s article would recover expenditures from the fund over this past year.

ARTICLE XIII:
To see if the School District will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as Prospect Mountain High School Unanticipated Utilities Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of unanticipated utilities expenses that may arise at Prospect Mountain High School District and further to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT-HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($21,875.00) 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 THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($30,000.00). And further to designate the Prospect Mountain High School Board as the agent to expend from the fund. 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 8-0. The Alton School Board recommends $15,000.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $15,000.00 by a vote of 5-2.) (Majority Vote required).

Article XIII – provides for the establishment of a fund that provides for potential unforeseen increases in energy costs for electricity, fuel oil, and propane at Prospect Mountain High School.

ARTICLE XIV:
To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($15,000.00) 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 THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($30,000.00). And further to designate the Prospect Mountain High School Board as the agent to expend from the fund. 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 8-0. The Alton School Board recommends $15,000.00 by a vote of 4-0. The Alton Budget Committee recommends $15,000.00 by a vote of 5-2.) (Majority Vote required).

Article XIV – adds to the non-lapsing capital reserve fund to be used for future maintenance and repairs of the athletic fields at Prospect Mountain High School, including the track and tennis courts.

ARTICLE XV:
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.
Grade 4 Teachers in new wing.

National Junior Honor Society

STEM

Grade 6 Teachers

Chuck Norwood, Bldg. & Grounds Director, & Alton Fire Chief Ryan Ridley

Sweetheart Dance

Open Community Area in the new classroom wing.