TOWN OF HOOKSETT NEWSLETTER

Election 2011
School Election Results
School Board Members 3-year term
Gail Smith 157
Cheryl Akstin 261
Trish Korkosz 177

School District Treasurer 1-year term
Frank Bizzarro 324

School District Clerk 1-year term
Lee Ann Moynihan 341

School District Moderator 1-year term
Rebecca (Becky) Berk 334

Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hooksett School Board and the Hooksett Educational Support Professionals, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits (FICA and retirement) at current staffing levels:
Year 2011 – 2012
Estimated Salary Increases $ 51,195
Estimated FICA & Retirement Increase $ 9,594
Estimated Health/Dental Insurance Savings $(100,597)
Net Savings $(39,808)

Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hooksett School Board and the Hooksett Education Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:
Year 2011 – 2012
Estimated Salary Increases $ 164,969
Estimated FICA & Retirement Increase $ 27,583
Estimated Health/Dental Insurance Savings $(207,416)
Net Savings $(14,416)

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars ($0) for the 2011-2012 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? (Recommended by the School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
Yes-288 No-111

Shall the District vote to 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 set forth therein, totaling twenty-seven million, sixty thousand, four hundred eighty-one dollars ($27,060,481). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twenty-seven million, ninety-seven thousand, five hundred sixty-nine dollars ($27,097,569), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Hooksett 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 article does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles). (Recommended by the School Board)
Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
Yes-319 No-79

Town Deliberative Session - Saturday, April 2, 2011, 9 am at Cawley Middle School.

Town Election – Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at Cawley Middle School.

Homeland Security abandons Color-Coded Alerts
As expected, the US Department of Homeland Security has dropped color-coded terrorism alerts, replacing them with new alerts at providing specific information on terrorism threats. The National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) was announced by DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano on January 27. It is being implemented over a 90-day period. The color-coded threat system has been used since 2002.

Under the new system, DHS will coordinate with other federal entities to issue formal, detailed alerts when the federal government receives information about a specific or credible terrorist threat. These alerts will include a statement that there is an "imminent threat" or "elevated threat". The alerts also will provide a concise summary of the potential threat, information about actions being taken to ensure public safety, and the recommended steps that individuals and communities, businesses and governments can take. NTAS advisories will have a "sunset provision", meaning that the individual threat alerts will be issued with a specified end date. Alerts may be extended if new information becomes available or if the threat evolves significantly.

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Haunted Hikes of NH
Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m., Library
Is Sasquatch Real? Did a UFO really visit New Hampshire? Do You Believe in Ghosts? Author, Marianne O’Connor hopes to answer all your questions with a slide show presentation of all her favorite haunted hikes of New Hampshire. Families with older children and teens will enjoy this 90 minute program which details some of the stories presented in her popular book, Haunted Hikes of New Hampshire.

Motorcycle Journey through the Americas
Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m., Library
Please join us for an evening of adventure with Hooksett resident and International Motorcycle Traveler, Ben Slavin. Over the course of 6 months he rode his motorcycle 23,000 miles through 15 countries. Ben will share photos and stories from his amazing ride through Latin America.

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