

Annual School District Meeting

**Deliberative Session
Information Packet**

Thursday, February 5, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Milford High School

100 West Street, Milford

Moderator's Rules of Procedure

2026 Deliberative Session

New Hampshire law authorizes the moderator to establish the Rules of Procedure for the deliberative session and grants voters the authority to overrule the moderator's procedures.

These Rules of Procedure describe how the moderator will conduct the meeting, in the absence of any challenges to these rules, to ensure a fair and orderly process.

1. Voters must check in with the clerk. They will receive a sticker to wear in the hall and a voting card.
2. Voters must hold up their cards to vote on motions. Except for a secret ballot, the moderator will only cast a vote to break or create a tie.
3. Anyone who wants to speak must do so at the microphone in the center aisle. A "Point of order" may be called out, but the voter must ask their question at the microphone.
4. State your name and street address the first time you approach the microphone. For subsequent trips to the microphone, simply saying your name is sufficient.
5. Non-residents will be permitted to speak at the meeting following a favorable vote on a motion to allow them to do so.
6. Participants must direct questions or comments to the moderator, not to individual officials, committee members, or audience members.
7. The Moderator will take articles in the order they appear on the warrant unless a simple majority of voters decide to change the order.
8. Except for presenters explaining proposed articles, speakers are limited to three minutes. One question and one follow-up are permitted before stepping away from the microphone. A speaker may ask additional questions or make comments on the article after all other speakers in line have finished.
9. We will discuss and vote on one amendment at a time.
10. Affirmative motions to "Call the question" limit debate and require a second and a two-thirds majority vote to pass. Anyone wishing to call the question must do so from the microphone. Speakers may not call the question immediately after addressing the issue.
11. Voters already in line and members of the Board and the Budget Advisory Committee who have already indicated their desire to speak will be allowed to address the meeting after the question is called.
12. The meeting may restrict subsequent reconsideration of a vote on an article-by-article basis. The motion to restrict reconsideration can be made at any time after the original vote. Once a vote to restrict reconsideration passes, voters cannot take further action on the article.
13. The motions to call the question and restrict a warrant article's reconsideration are not debatable. After a second, the moderator will call for a vote by the meeting.

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14. Voters may verbally propose an amendment to an article's dollar amount.
15. Voters must submit the proposed change to an article's language in writing.
 - i. The text of the operating budget article may only be changed to adjust the proposed dollar amount (RSA 40:13).
 - ii. The wording of a collective bargaining agreement article, including the dollar amounts of the proposed agreement, may not be changed (RSA 40:13).
16. A petition for a secret ballot on an article must be submitted to the moderator by at least five voters. The request must be made before the vote, and the five voters must be present (RSA 40:4- a).
17. The moderator shall conduct a secret yes/no ballot vote if seven or more voters question any non-secret ballot vote immediately after the moderator announces the result and before any other business begins (RSA 40:4-b).
18. Five voters may request a recount of any secret yes/no ballot vote if the request is made immediately after the results are announced. Further, the moderator will order a recount immediately if the secret yes/no vote margin is less than 10% (RSA 40:4-a).
19. All speakers must be courteous and address the issues rather than the individuals who raise them. The moderator will not allow a speaker to engage in personal attacks, impugn an opponent's motives, or use inappropriate language.
20. The moderator may command a police officer or a legal voter to remove from the meeting and detain any disorderly person (RSA 40:9).
21. Voters may overturn any of these Rules by a simple majority vote.

(signed) Peter R. Basiliere

Moderator

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Separate Ballot Vote)

To choose two (2) members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.

To choose one (1) School District Moderator for the ensuing two (2) years.

To choose one (1) School District Clerk for the ensuing two (2) years.

To choose one (1) School District Treasurer for the ensuing two (2) years.



Article 01 CTE RENOVATION PROJECT

CTE RENOVATION PROJECT \$3,850,000 BOND - \$14,850,000 GROSS BUDGET

Shall the Milford School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,850,000 for the design, construction, and equipping of additions and renovations to the Milford High School Applied Technology Center; \$3,850,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1, as amended; and contingent upon \$11,000,000 of such sum to come from the State of New Hampshire and/or any other federal or state grants, or other aid or donations which are available for said project; to authorize the Milford School Board to apply for, accept, and expend such state or federal grants or other aid or donations which may be available for such project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Milford School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Milford School Board to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote or pass any other vote relative thereto?
(3/5 ballot vote required to pass)

School Board: recommends this article (5-0)
Budget Advisory Committee: recommends this article (vote 5-0)
This article has an estimated tax impact of \$0 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 in 2026-2027.
The estimated tax impact is \$17.80 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 in 2027-2028.
The estimated tax impact is \$16.76 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 in 2028-2029.

Tax estimates are based on a 20 year bond at 4.30% (Term and rate subject to change)

Article 02 School District Operating Budget

Shall the Milford School 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 purposes set forth therein, totaling \$52,597,151 The proposed operating budget has an estimated tax impact of \$135.84 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000, over the FY 2026 Budget?

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$52,996,931 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Milford 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. The calculated default budget has an estimated tax impact of \$154.99 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000, over the FY 2026 Budget.

(Majority vote required)
School Board: Recommends this article (vote 5-0);
Budget Advisory Committee: recommends this article (vote 6-1).

Article 03 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: MILFORD EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION (FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE)

Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining



Agreement (2026/2027 through 2028/2029) reached between the Milford School Board and the Milford Educational Personnel Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Account	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	Grand Total
Salaries	\$ 85,553	\$ 48,859	\$52,500	\$186,912
Benefits	\$ 20,280	\$ 7,710	\$ 8,450	\$ 36,441
Totals	\$105,833	\$ 56,569	\$60,950	\$223,353

and further, to raise and appropriate \$105,833, for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? The costs for the years of the agreement beyond the upcoming 2026-2027 fiscal year will be included in the operating budget proposal for each of those years.

(Majority vote required)

School Board: recommends this article (vote 5-0);

Budget Advisory Committee: recommends this article (vote 5-0).

This article has an estimated tax impact of \$5.07 per \$100,000 assessed value, over the FY 2026 budget for 2026-2027; \$2.71 for 2027-2028; and 2.92 for 2028-2029.

Article 04 Open Enrollment

Shall the Milford School District vote to designate Milford High School as an open enrollment school pursuant to RSA 194-D, thereby allowing non-resident students to attend Milford High School in an amount not to exceed six (6) eligible students; and further, to set the percentage of Milford School District resident students permitted to attend open enrollment schools/programs outside the Milford School District at zero percent (0%)?

The Milford School Board Recommends this article (5-0)



Milford Local School

The inhabitants of the School District of Milford Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: February 5, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Milford High School, 100 West Street, Milford, NH
Details: Cafeteria

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 10, 2026
Time: 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Location: Milford High School, 100 West Street, Milford, NH
Details: Gymnasium

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before 1/26/2026, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Milford Town Hall.

Name	Position	Signature
Judith A. Zaino	Board Chair	Judith A. Zaino
Ryan Freed	Board Member	Ryan Freed
Karin Cevalasco	Board Vice Chair	Karin Cevalasco
Susan Smith	Board Member	Susan Smith
Amy Clark Conroy	Board Secretary	Amy Clark Conroy