



**Annual Report
Grantham Village School
SAU #75**

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008

OFFICERS & PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Carl Hanson, MODERATOR

Heather Grohbrugge, TREASURER

Brenda Malloy, SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Margaret A. Sullivan, SUPERINTENDENT

Maren Ardell, SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Linda Kosiorek, STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Kurt Gergler, PRINCIPAL

Norton Tilton, GYS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Laurie Hanks, CHAIR

Jeffrey Walla, VICE CHAIR

Douglas Caffrey, SECRETARY

Leslie Brown

David Armstrong

APPROVED RULES FOR 2008

GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

1. No article may be brought up for reconsideration unless it is brought up immediately after the vote has been determined and announced.
2. Passing over an article is not in the spirit of the meeting and will be ruled out of order.
3. Registered voters will be seated on the main floor and in the center of the bleachers. Nonvoters will be seated in side sections of the bleachers. Nonvoters who are not officers of the school district may be allowed to address the meeting only if the meeting votes to permit it.
4. Whenever a voter wished to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify herself or himself.
5. The moderator will conduct a secret “yes-no” ballot when five voters make a written request prior to voice or division vote on any article open for discussion. (RSA 41:4a)
6. The moderator will take a secret “yes-no” ballot when seven or more voters question any nonballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any business is conducted. (RSA 40:4b)
7. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to vote of the amendment.

<p>Grantham School Board Members</p>	<p>Laurie Hanks, Chair PO Box 137, Grantham, NH 863-1239 lfhanks@comcast.net Term Expires 2009</p>
<p>Jeffrey Walla 201 Walker Road, Grantham, NH 863-4974 jwalla@bdmp.com Term Expires 2010</p>	<p>Leslie Brown PO Box 50, Grantham, NH 863-7586 brownlesa@gmail.com Term Expires 2009</p>
<p>Douglas Caffrey 154 Meadowbrook Road, Grantham, NH 863-6523 decaffrey@comcast.net Term Expires 2011</p>	<p>David Armstrong PO Box 7686 Grantham, NH 863-4030 david.armstrong@dartmouth.edu Term Expires 2011</p>

**TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT 2009**

March 18, 2009
Sullivan, ss

School District of Grantham

To the inhabitants of the School District of Grantham in the County of Sullivan, and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grantham Village School Gymnasium in Grantham, New Hampshire, on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 7:00 PM to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Grantham School District vote to hear the reports of agents, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto?

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Grantham School District vote to raise and appropriate six million, six hundred and eighty-one thousand, two hundred ninety-five dollars (\$6,681,295) (**operating budget including bond plus food service and federal grant programs**) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the balance which is to be raised by taxation by the District? This Article does not include funds requested in any of the other warrant articles? (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Grantham School District vote to name the Grantham School Board as agents to expend The Grantham School Building Construction Fund Capital Reserve established in 2004? (Majority vote required)

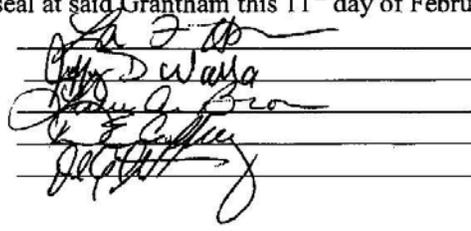
ARTICLE 4. Shall the Grantham School District vote to raise and appropriate thirty-four thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$34,475) for all enrichment programs at Grantham Village School? (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Grantham School District vote to transfer the sum of twenty-two thousand, two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$22,225) from the 2008- 09 unexpended operating budget to reduce the 2007-08 general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 189:28-a? (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting?

Given under our hands and seal at said Grantham this 11th day of February, 2009.

A True Copy Attest:



Grantham School Board

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SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

OF: GRANTHAM _____ NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 09 to June 30, 10

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

- 1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
- 2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
- 3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): Feb. 11, 2009

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Please sign in ink.

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THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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MS-26 Budget - School District of GRANTHAM FY 10

1	2	3	4	5	6.00
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year 08	Revised Revenues Current Year 09	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR 10
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition				
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		18,800.95	21,000.00	20,000.00
1600-1699	Food Service Sales		57,357.95	78,319.00	58,000.00
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		1,393.11	5,000.00	-
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid		2,378.95	5,299.00	105,630.00
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		14,732.13	-	14,700.00
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition		1,295.13	1,000.00	1,300.00
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants (IDEA)		34,187.56	-	41,945.00
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		19,004.03	7,000.00	19,000.00
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution				
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)				
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes			7,150,000.00	
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		183,211.71	250,000.00	

SUBTOTAL 332,361.52 7,517,618.00 260,575.00

MS-26 Budget - School District of GRANTHAM FY 10

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year 08	Revised Revenues Current Year 09	ESTIMATED REVENUES 2010 FISCAL YEAR
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
	INTEREST EARNED ON BOND PROCEEDS			150,000.00	
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance				22,225.00
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			400.00	
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		332,361.52	7,668,018.00	282,800.00

= dra approved MS-4 10-23-08

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	2009 Current Year	2010 Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)	5,435,734.00	6,681,295.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	7,656,668.00	
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)		56,700.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	13,092,402.00	6,737,995.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	7,668,018.00	282,800.00
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant		
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	5,424,384.00	6,455,195.00

13,092,402.00 agreed to DRA tax rate setting 10-29-08
agreed to ms-22

Superintendent's Report

Dear Grantham Residents:

While reflecting on the past 18 months, I realize that it has been an exciting time of much progress. As I wrote last year, we are moving ahead by challenging ourselves to do better with everything we do, every day. The issues of student performance, school safety, budgeting and funding as well as building concerns continues to be at the forefront of our efforts and are incorporated into the goals of the Grantham School Board, where we strive to be a student centered school district, with no child is left behind. I am thrilled by the spirit of cooperation and dedication to the Grantham students, evident throughout the district.

These past 18 months have been very exhilarating, working with the building committee. Although it has been an enormous amount of work by many, our conversations have been full of hope and planning for the future. Additionally, I am proud of the great strides our school district is making in curriculum and instruction. We are actively working to support all our students with an expanded reading program, supporting continuous improvement for each student. We are also planning to pilot a new math program to rigorously raise standards. Overall our students are doing very well, and they are continually improving, as seen in the NH assessment score.

As a result of the poor economy, and like school districts across the nation, budgeting has been challenging, especially during these tough economic times. The School Board and Administration have worked hard, with belt tightening measures, to ensure that our school has adequate funding, so our children are not at risk during these rough economic times, and this goal has continually been balanced with a deep concern for taxpayers in the District.

As a member of the community of educators, I value the opinion and feedback of our students, parents, teachers, principal, and district faculty. I promise to actively listen and to seek input from our fellow community members. It is important to support you through this challenging economic time and I will continue to champion the needs of our first priority: the student.

And, in closing, I would like to thank all of you, community and staff, who have made a difference in the lives of our students. I share a passion for education and believe that given the right tools and the excellence of our dedicated teachers, students can flourish beyond expectations, propelling us toward a better and brighter future. Of course, challenges continue to lie ahead as we look at building concerns and continue to update curriculum and instruction to provide a quality education for each student as he/she enters the world beyond GVS .

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret A. Sullivan
Superintendent, Grantham School District

Principal's Report
January 2009

This has been an exciting year at Grantham Village School! Our BIG NEWS is the construction project that will create new classrooms on the north end of the building and renovate much of the existing building. On November 24, 2009, a groundbreaking ceremony kicked off the official construction of the new building project. A student from each grade was drawn and took part in the big dig. The construction fence went up in the north end of the parking lot along with the placement of the construction trailer. With the arrival of the construction phase the drop off and pick up procedures were changed to accommodate the flow of traffic. The south end of the building received some attention and became the staff and overflow parking. This new parking lot will be paved in the spring when weather permits.



The Groundbreaking Ceremony. November
From left to right: Katy Nagy; Rosemary Johnson; Sophia Miller; Mr. Gergler; Caroline Wren; Maddie Brown; Patrick Hansen; Reese Armstrong

Over the December break steel support columns were placed in the cafeteria and the new roof over the central portion of the building was completed.



Forms were placed and concrete was poured to create the foundation to the new addition of the building.

The ceilings were opened throughout the hallways and classrooms for inspection. Over the past few months the existing fill was replaced with more compactable fill and hole for the new addition was dug. Much of the construction work goes smoothly without interruption and is contained near the north end of the building. Future plans for the rest of this school year includes the completion of the new addition complete with plumbing, mechanical and electrical and bricking of the exterior walls. A new roof is scheduled for the end of June and renovation of the existing school area will be completed by August. September will bring the start of the 2009-2010 school year and we are hopeful that we will be returning to our new completed school.

This year brought about several changes to the staff at GVS. We welcomed some new faces to Grantham Village School along with some current staff taking on different assignments. Those changes are as follows:

- Mrs. Lyn Benson as 6th grade special education paraeducator
- Mrs. Kathy Martin as 2nd grade classroom teacher
- Mrs. Kristen Reed as 1st grade classroom teacher
- Mrs. Patricia Canning as special education teacher
- Mrs. Mary Sanborn as K-2nd grade special education paraeducator
- Mrs. Brenda Molloy as PM secretary/receptionist
- Mrs. Betty Larrabee as Art Teacher
- Mrs. Barbara Foster as Speech Therapist
- Mrs. Kim Johnson became our 4th grade classroom teacher
- Mrs. Lynn Wallace became our reading interventionist
- Ms. Jennifer Stark became our Kindergarten teacher
- Mr. Kevin Gianini became our 5th grade teacher

On behalf of the students and staff at Grantham Village School we would like to thank all of you for the continued support which made the new building project a reality. Thank you, especially to the parents, for your continued patience, and understanding during this very important construction phase of the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Gergler
Principal



**Grantham Village School Staff List
2008-2009**

Mr. Scott Allaire	Grade 4 Teacher
Mrs. Jackie Atherley	Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Debra Bailey	Food Service
Ms. Janice Beal	Student Teacher Grade 3
Ms. Deebee Bechta	Grade 5 Teacher
Mrs. Lyn Benson	Paraprofessional
Ms. Kristen Bitler	Nurse
Mrs. Maren Boothby	Speech Language Pathologist
Mrs. Mary Boyea	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Mrs. Denise Buckman	Grade 3 Teacher
Mrs. Patricia Canning	Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Shelia Cardamone	Physical Therapist
Mrs. Wanda Clark	Music Teacher
Mrs. Diana Conine	Media Specialist
Mr. Rob Crutchfield	Grade 3 Teacher
Mr. Roger Dontonville	Physical Education Teacher
Ms. Nancy Edgar-Howard	Reading Specialist
Mrs. Tara Evans	Grade 6 Teacher
Mrs. Laurie Field	Paraprofessional
Ms. Barbara Foster	Speech Assistant
Ms. Debra Freyman	Special Education Teacher
Mr. Kurt Gergler	Principal
Mr. Kevin Gianini	Grade 5 Teacher
Mrs. Michele Gilliatt	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Marsha Googins	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Anna Harwood	Grade 2 Teacher
Mrs. Andrea Head	Paraprofessional
Ms. Kim Johnson	Grade 4 Teacher
Ms. Celina Lariviere	Paraprofessional
Ms. Betty Larrabee	Art Teacher
Mrs. Linda Malnati	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Katherine Martin	Grade 2 Teacher
Mrs. Brenda Molloy	Secretary
Mrs. Jeanne Mouser	Grade 1 Teacher
Mrs. Deloris Netzband	Guidance Counselor
Mr. Michael Palermo	Custodian
Mr. Jim Palermo	Maintenance
Ms. Mandy Perkins	Art Teacher - Substitute
Mrs. Kristen Reed	Grade 1 Teacher
Mr. Oliver Renchan	Custodian
Mrs. Mary Richard	Paraprofessional
Mrs. Gay Sabin	Grade 6 Teacher
Mrs. Mary Sanborn	Paraprofessional
Ms. Jennifer Stark	Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Wilma Stearns	Food Service
Mrs. Nora Tilton	Administrative Assistant
Ms. Alissa Vassileva	Strings Instructor
Mrs. Lynn Wallace	Reading Interventionist Teacher
Mrs. Misty Word	Food Service
Mrs. Pam Waltzer	Instrumental Music Teacher

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REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34 AND 198:4-a)

Fiscal Year: 2009

School District: Grantham

SAU #: 75

Mailing Address: PO Box 287
Grantham, NH 03753

Phone #: 603-863-9689

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

(To be completed after annual or special meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the school district meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SCHOOL BOARD

Please sign in ink.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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SUPERINTENDENT

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Grantham Village School District Meeting Minutes**March 4, 2008**

Moderator Carl Hanson called the 2007 Grantham Village School district Meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. Mr. Hanson recognized Cynthia Chew, Chair of the School Board, and the rest of the school board members. He next recognized Superintendent Margaret Sullivan and Principal Kurt Gergler. The school board presented School Board Chairperson Cynthia Chew with a certificate for her 6 years of service on the board. Mr. Hanson explained the voting procedures to the audience. He also explained that Article 2 would be voted on by yes/no ballot and the polls would remain open for one hour from the time of opening. Mr. Hanson asked for a voice vote to approve the discussion of Article 9 (SB2) during the hour the polls remained open for Article 2. A unanimous vote was heard to approve discussion on Article 9 during the polling hour for Article 2.

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of agents, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto. **School Board member Doug Caffrey made motion to approve Article 1 as written. A second from Jay Thompson was made. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

ARTICLE 2. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,400,000 (Gross Budget) for renovations to the existing facility and new construction and original equipping of an addition to the Grantham Village School building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$7,150,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$250,000 from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose and further to appropriate up to \$150,000 of bond interest to be used toward this project. (The School Board recommends this article) (2/3 ballot vote required). **School Board member Leslie Brown made motion to approve Article 2 as written. A second was made by Kelly Cornish.**

Moderator Hanson recognized Leslie Brown to review Article 2. Leslie explained she would go through the project details and Jeffrey Walla would go over the actual budget numbers. Leslie explained the building project started in 2002. Chair Cynthia Chew was the remaining board member since the project began. Leslie explained in 2002 the art/music room which was just built as part of the expansion at that time was converted into a regular classroom space. The board was concerned during that time over losing the space but also how many preschoolers were in Grantham that would be entering the school. In 2003, the NESDC (New England School Development Council) was contracted to do a study projecting how many students would enter GVS. Those projections did not pan out. The second half of the study was done by Bill Zimmerman pro bono which was a facility review. The study looked at deficiencies in the building and some of which the school board was able to correct in the following year or two. Some of those deficiencies were space dependent and have yet to be corrected. In 2004, the first \$100,000 was put into a capital reserve fund for building expansion. In 2005, a long reach planning committee was formed to look at the need for expansion. They spent a lot of time looking at the population of the elementary school age children in the town

and also to determine if the 7th and 8th grades should return as part of GVS. It was determined that the 7th and 8th grade was not something that could happen in the near future. In 2005, Architect Bruce Hamilton & Associates was hired to look at how much could be built on the GVS site. They determined 13 additional classrooms and 4 specialized spaces as the maximum build out possibilities. In 2007, the school board put together the GVS Expansion committee also known as The Building Committee. Leslie introduced the building committee members as: Bob McCarthy a retired educator, Tony Hanslin from Yankee Barn, and Andy Schmidt. Two former members of the building committee were Tanya McIntire and Jack Clegg. Jack passed away in January 2008 and was a great loss to the committee. Carl Andrezeack, who was not in attendance, was brought on the committee when Mr. Clegg could no longer attend. Mr. Andrezeack has extensive experience in multi-million dollar projects and a lot of mechanical knowledge. She also introduced Architects Jay Dougherty from HL Turner, Carolina Burt from the Architectural Studios in Grantham. Both presented a proposal jointly. HL Turner has a wonderful reputation for building elementary schools. Carolina Burt is a local talent. During the building committee process Grantham Village School has continued to grow. In June 2002, the student population was 191. In June 2005, a staff room was converted to another classroom as the population grew to 205. The temporary portable classrooms were installed in June 2006 at that time there were 217 students. Today, GVS has an enrollment of 242 which is up 9 from the end of June 2007. Leslie stated GVS needs more classroom space in addition to the present space for the current student population. This includes the 2 classrooms in the portable building, the classroom that is now in the teacher's lounge and the classroom that is in a very small kindergarten space. There is a great deficiency in core space. As we move different uses out of spaces to put classrooms in we have to move those spaces into a smaller space and so on into a spiral effect.. For example, the former teachers lounge is now a 2nd grade classroom. Safety and security is also another reason to reconfigure core space. Controlling access to the school is important. We also need to have space to effectively deliver of school programs. The number one concern from the staff is air quality in the building. By putting in a better mechanical system this can be addressed. Major ice jams and moisture is another concern that will be taken care of in the renovation. Electrical code issues along with American Disability act concerns will be taken care of as well. Life cycle cost analysis is being used to look at energy efficiency. Leslie pointed to the slide of the school renovation explaining the new space. The current design of the school renovation was picked from 9 submitted designs. This design allows for two zones for classrooms and a centralized core along with the ability to expand. It lends itself to construction phasing. Most of the addition will be done during the summer with the expansion going on during the school year. This phasing will allow area to be sectioned off and kept safe with less impact to the kids during the school year. Some key points to renovating are limited demolition; it's a known foundation and there is no need to relocate the septic and sprinkler systems. Most of the changes to the original design were based on public forums and feedback. Four extra classrooms in the original design to be used for growth were removed because of feedback from the projected population. Smaller changes were made to classroom size bringing them down to state requirements along with removing a few bathrooms. The project fundamentals are still the same and a plan for additional classrooms is in place for future expansion. The new school will be more energy

efficient and safe in all areas of the building which will mean lower operating costs. Leslies pointed to the timetable slide explaining the occupancy date will be September 2009. Jeffrey Walla explained the budget costs of the renovation project pointing to the slides and the handouts each person received from the supervisors of the checklist. The overall project is \$7,090,000 in total. The new addition is approximately 14,500 sq ft with a cost of 2.3 million. This is a reduction from the original proposal of 20,800 sq ft at a cost of 3.1 million. The project financing is \$7,090,000 less capital reserve fund of \$250,000 with added \$310,000 of construction period interest and cost of insurance bringing the total to \$7,150,000. State Building Aid is approximately \$2,145,000 over a 20 year period of the life of the bond. Added Interest over life of Bond—Level Principal Bond at \$3,768,063 brings the total debt service requirements to \$8,773,063. Present Value of Total Debt service requirements are \$5,836,727. Grantham is the second lowest of the surrounding towns in terms of local education tax rate of \$6.98. The impact on tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value ranges from \$1.14 to .48 over the life of the bond. For example if your property assessed value is \$150,000 your annual average annual cost is \$119 or average monthly cost of \$10. **Moderator Carl Hanson asked for further discussion on Article 2.** Jean Liepold went over the past NESDC report of projected student population increases and lack of current space at the school. She also stated the previous 3 suggestions addressing those issues made by Mr. Zimmerman of cleaning up the current building at a cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000; the second option was constructing an addition to the school and minor modifications to the existing building such as special ed reading room, music/art teaching, four general purpose classrooms; PT room and cafeteria and kitchen expansion with a total of 9,555 sq ft at a cost of \$1,146,000 and put a bridge in for \$500,000 for a second access roadway. With the inflation adjustment for 2006 construction the cost would be \$1.86 million. She asked the school board why the committee didn't go ahead with Mr. Zimmerman's plan given the projected student population of 259 is not reached yet and the current building capacity is 250 pupils. Carl Hanson asked for further discussion on article 2. Laura Zentmaier stated she supported the building proposal. She gave a few current reasons why she feels the building expansion she be approved. The first was the 6th grade class had to be evacuated because it was raining in their classroom. It was also raining inside the 4th grade classroom. It's not safe for the kids and also a distraction to them to move around. Both her children came home from school today with headaches due to the high level of carbon dioxide in the classroom. She also is concerned about access to the building and safety of the children with classrooms located outside of the main building and not connected. Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Bill Zimmerman. He explained the study NESDC performed several years ago was a very preliminary study. It simply identified options available including minor matters the school board could address and did address those matters. It also gave an option of adding on to the school and doing some renovations to the school building itself. It also looked at the feasibility of bringing back the 7th and 8th grade and construction a much larger building to either this site or another site. The NESDC study was for purposes of a study only for the school board to resolve some of those issues. The school board has moved forward on several issues and appointed a very competent board made up of life times of experience in finance, construction and education. In addition, the school board has selected one of the finest school architect firms in the Northeast. They have proposed an outstanding plan that

corrects the most important part of the building which is the major core of the facility. Special Education is a critical part of the building space. When the school was designed and built in 1979 that predated the special education laws. Since then, the special education laws have demanded a whole variety of programs for special education children for which we have no facilities to handle. We are currently using hallways, closets and other inappropriate places for special education. When the two additions were built no expansion of the core space was made. All we did at that time was add classroom space to take care of the current enrollment of the school. The cafeteria, library and the core spaces were never expanded. This current proposal does in fact expand the core spaces. It puts the library at the core to be a real instructional center where it should be. It's a very exciting plan. He stated he was a bit disappointed the additional classrooms were removed since he feels they will be needed in another 5 years or so. The architects have designed the new building in such a way that those classrooms can be added at a later time. The core will support those added classrooms as well. He stated he and his wife wholeheartedly support the plan. He feels if the voters do not support the plan the problems will not go away. The air quality will not improve, the leaks will not stop, the space will not be there and we will have even more trailers out on the ball field. As new people come into town and as the realtors show them around the first thing they see approaching the school is portable trailers. Not to mention the inside of the school in its current conditions. That will hurt the values of the properties in Grantham. Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Helen Schotanus. She stated she was on the school board from 1986-1995 and was part of some of the additions that went on during that time. She feels this project is so much better now and is in total favor of it. Carl Hanson recognized Lorie McClory. Lorie asked if the plan includes making the stage handicap accessible; if the septic system can handle the new renovations and what is the plan if this does not pass tonight. Leslie Brown, school board member, the stage issues was identified and not at the top of the list. It is being evaluated for ADA and safety reasons. A lift is being looked in to as a possible answer to the issue. The septic system is good as far as capacity. When the last addition was put in they used a 25 gal per day per person equation because we had locker rooms. We do not have locker rooms as they are used as storage and we don't need locker rooms in an elementary school. We were able to use a 15 gallon per person daily rate which is good up to 400 people. We are about 300 with students and staff currently. If the building proposal doesn't pass the school board will be back next year with another proposal.

Richard Hoffman spoke about his experience of being in the education field in Virginia. He saw designs of some of the best schools in this country come together and what happened to test scores when the school had adequate facilities. Then he saw what happened to the quality of education when towns nickel and dime the schools and put portable facilities in place. When the children have to spend time physically walking between outside buildings which were not adequately heated and insulated the quality of the education for the entire the school district went down. Test results were low and the children got a poor education all the way around. Some of these schools started out as award winning schools. He stated the children are out future of our town, the state, the nation and this world. Any investment put in to improving the quality of education of the town will pay off better than stocks. He said he has seen what happens when the town invests in the quality of education and when it does not. He supports the plan.

Moderator Carl Hanson asked for further discussion to Article 2. John Rogers of Stocker Pond spoke. He stated with the town office, the town fire station and the new school maybe it's time to look at putting a boiler generator plant to offset rising costs fuels. He also suggested getting two surplus 80' railroad flat cars to make the bridge access road. They will each hold over 100 ton. He thought maybe the cost would be near \$50,000. Moderator Carl Hanson asked for further discussion. Carl Hanson explained the yes/no ballot procedures. The polls were open at 8:10 for voting on Article 2 and balloting took place. They remained open for 1 hour until all voters voted. While voting on Article 2 proceeded, Article 9 was discussed as voted by unanimous vote at the beginning of the meeting. **Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Chairperson Cynthia Chew to address Article 9. Article 2 was approved by a 2/3 vote with 317 ballots cast 239 in favor 78 opposed. Article 2 was adopted as written.**

ARTICLE 9. We, the undersigned registered voters of Grantham, NH, petition the Grantham School Board to include the following as an article on the March 2008 School District warrant. "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the School District on the second Tuesday of March?" This article requires a 3/5 majority. Discussion ensued with regard to Article 9 to be voted on March 11 by ballot.

Chairperson Cynthia Chew made motion to approve Article 9 as written. A second from Margery Bastrom was heard. Moderator Carl Hanson asked for further discussion.

Cynthia Chew explained some of the downsides to SB2. Everything is discussed at a deliberative session. If you don't vote at the deliberative session you are only given a chance to vote yes or no at the ballots. You only get one chance to change things and that is at the deliberative session. She explained that Hanover is an SB2 town and their meeting had only 2 people attending. She stated that is those 2 people brought 6 of their friends they could change any warrant. In an open meeting you hear opposing sides and can gather more information. She said some of those in favor of SB2 get their information from the newspapers. She cautioned that the newspapers only print what they find interesting and not all the facts. Holding public forums gives people an opportunity to hear all the proposed facts and a chance to be heard. Another problem is if the legislature changes a rule the town has to abide by the rule. You do not have an opportunity to change it. If you are an SB2 town you need a 16% vote to change back to a non SB2. Several towns around Grantham have tried to change back from SB2 without any success. It lends itself to small groups taking over meetings and affecting change. Sunapee is an SB2 town and this year their ballot is 8 pages. SB2 takes away small town meetings. She stated she was not in favor of SB2. Moderator Carl Hanson asked for further discussion. Jean Liepold spoke about SB2 in Sunapee. She stated every Sunapee postal resident received a booklet of town proposals, warrants, etc two weeks before voting day to look over before they vote. She stated that SB2 prevents small groups in towns to push things through. It gives everyone an opportunity to vote all day. She stated last year 55 people attended Grantham annual meeting and voted on a 6 million dollar budget. She felt that the SB2 gives voters who work very long hours an opportunity to vote at any time during the day and not just during the session. She stated those she

works with in the Sunapee school system like the SB2 system. She has not heard anything negative about it. Having information sent to voters there is no reason why people wouldn't have the information before they vote. Moderator Carl Hanson asked for further discussion. He recognized Merle Schotanus. Merle stated he wanted to give a little history on SB2. He was the moderator and state representative when former Senator Jim Rubens introduced the bill to the legislature in 1995. He opposed it at that time. It was designed to solve the turn out problem of town and school meeting and to control spending. He feels this law is of unattended consequences. It does not work in small towns. He stated he knows of three towns trying to get out of the SB2 law. It prevents an exchange of ideas at town meeting. He is not in favor of SB2. Claudia Hoffman stated she is very busy and seems to take the time to do lots of things and thinks that once or twice a year for something this important she can make it. A member of the audience spoke that it is important not to disenfranchise voters. He stated that as the town grows a problem also develops of where to put everyone who attends. He stated it was not fair to limit the window of voting time. If people can not make the time then their vote is not cast and therefore not counted. It's a constitutional right to vote. Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion. John asked what exactly does SB2 does or doesn't do so the voters will be in a good position to vote next week. Moderator Hanson asked Merle Schotanus to answer the question. Merle stated it divided a town into two sessions. One is a deliberative and one is to vote. They are usually two weeks apart. All of the articles are explained and a default budget is included and a proposed budget is included in the article. The only difference between the two is at the deliberative session an article can be altered. It can not be voted up or down. Once that discussion is over the article is put on the ballot. If the budget that is proposed is voted down then the town has literally adopted the default budget. The default budget is the previous year's budget. This may or may not be more than the proposed budget. Nothing can be done outside the mandate. The board can restructure the budget and hold a special third meeting to only operate on that budget. About 60 out of 220 towns have adopted SB2 since it went into law in 1996. Around 59 of 172 school districts have also installed SB2 and none of them have been able to rescind it. Most of the deliberative session turn outs are relatively low and a small group can manipulate the system. To address the lack of space a simulcast town meeting can be done. Towns that have adopted SB2 are small and it does destroy a sense of community. Moderator Carl Hanson asked for further discussion. No further discussion was heard and article 9 was closed. He reminded folks that the vote for Article 9 would be Tuesday, March 11th from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm in the town building. He stated that at this time the ballots still have 20 minutes to remain open. He asked for a vote to continue with Article 3. It was a unanimous vote to continue.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the District will raise and appropriate five million, three hundred and ninety-six thousand, eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$5,434,934) (**operating budget plus food service and IDEA federal grant**) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the balance which is to be raised by taxation by

the District. This Article does not include funds requested in any of the other warrant articles. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board)

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Jeffrey Walla for a motion to approve Article 3 as written. Moderator Hanson stated he received a request for a paper ballot vote for Article 3. A second was heard from Dan McClory. Jeffrey Walla explained a correction in the 2007-2008 school budget bottom line increase from \$233,676 or 4.53% to \$272,555 or 5.28%. He further explained major increases in the budget are special education and reading instruction (\$89,637), building administration (10,340), tuition (\$82,274), utilities and fuel (\$7,763) and transportation (27,900). Laurie Hanks explained the increase in special education and reading instruction. Currently there is 1.5 special ed teachers. There are 28 students who have been identified as needing special education. The state requires 1 teacher per 14. Another ½ time special education teacher is needed. There are currently 1.5 reading specialists. Previously, a REAP grant and Title 1 funds has covered the cost and is not a guarantee so this cost is addressed in the budget. Currently, about 52 students receive reading instruction. Jeffrey Walla explained the Lebanon Jr. High tuition costs. In the past, a phantom number has been added to cover an additional student which has been removed this year. There are 52 students in 2008 with a cost of \$12,714 per students for a total of \$661,128. In 2009, 68 students will attend at a cost of \$13,270 per student for a total of \$902,360. This represents an increase of \$241,232. The Lebanon High school tuition decreased by \$158,958 over last year. There are 125 students for 2008 with a cost of \$11,043 per student for a total of \$1,380,375. In 2009, 113 students will attend at a cost of \$10,809 for a total of \$1,221,417. The net tuition increase is \$82,274. Laurie Hanks addressed the building administration and Utilities and Fuel costs. The current principal was hired at a higher salary than what was budgeted for the former principal. The utilities and fuel costs have increased and they include propane, electricity and fuel. Laurie explained the transportation costs include an additional bus due to high volumes. The bus limit is 83. However, this number represents 3 people to a seat. If only 2 people are in a seat the bus limit is 55. There is about 20% of older students and about 80% of younger students riding the bus. Eight percent is about 2.5 people per seat. This brings up the bus limit is 64. School board members completed bus rider counts 12 separate days over a three week time frame to substantiate the need for an additional bus. Bus number G5 was over the 64 limit twice. Bus G6 was over 5 different days. Both buses at one time have been over the 83 limit before. Laurie then went over the School board salaries; Board Chair (\$300), School board member (4 @\$200), Treasurer (\$500), School District Clerk (\$100) and Moderator (\$50). No change was made from the prior year. Jeffrey Walla went over the functional summary of the budget and explained the numbers on the handout and slide. He explained the per pupil cost for 2009 in gross terms with the entire budget divided by the number of pupils was slightly higher from 1.3% to 2.0%. This reflects the addition correction stated earlier. Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion. Sarah Morgan asked if the extra bus will be for the Jr. and Sr. High school kids so the elementary school kids will not have to deal with the language from the older kids. She would like to see this happen. She has heard many complaints about the bus behavior. Cynthia Chew stated GVS has two wonderful bus drivers who have great control over the bus. She stated there will still be a mix of younger and older kids on the bus. An additional bus for the morning would cost up to \$10,000. She mentioned last year they

rerouted the bus route for a shorter ride and the seats filled up. The more bus riders the shorter the car line. Deb Cheever asked for clarification on the number of students at GVS. Jeffrey Walla answered the correct number is 233 for 2008 and for 2009 it's 242. Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion to article 3. Lin Hill thanked the building committee and architects for their time in developing the proposal. She also thanked the school board for hiring current principal Kurt Gergler. She also said she was in favor of the proposal. Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion. A member of the audience asked about a plan for seat belts on the bus. Cynthia Chew stated discussions she has had about seat belts on school buses determined they are not safe with little children. Bill Zimmerman said the National Safety Council strongly recommends against seat belts on school busses. He said a former district he was superintendent of actually installed seat belts and then had to take them out within a year at a cost of about \$70,000. They had one serious eye injury as a result of misuse. He stated kids of all ages on the bus misuse them for everything but safety. Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion. Pam Hanson asked if the budget didn't pass would there be any money to deal with roof leaks and immediate hazard concerns. Jeffrey Walla stated he wanted to wait for the results of the budget vote. Moderator Hanson stated it had been 1 hour and 1 minutes since the poll was open for voting on Article 2. He closed voting on Article 2. He asked for counters to come forward to count the votes for Article 2. **Article 2 was approved by a 2/3 vote with 317 ballots cast 239 in favor 78 opposed. Article 2 was adopted as written.**

Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion on Article 3. Merle Schotanus asked for the exact amount of the budget being voted on. Jeffrey Walla stated the number is \$5,435,734 shown on the orange handout. Mr. Schotanus repeated the number of \$5,435,734 and thanked Mr. Walla. Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion. None was heard. He explained the yes/no ballot to be used would be green. He asked the counters to come forward to count the votes. While waiting for the ballots to be counted he moved to discuss Article 4. **Article 3 was passed by a majority vote of 144 votes cast 136 in favor and 8 opposed.**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Grantham School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Grantham School Board and the Grantham Educational Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2008–2009	<u>\$60,668</u>
2009 – 2010	<u>\$ 62,798</u>
2010 – 2011	<u>\$ 65,541</u>

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,668 for the 2008 – 2009 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)

Moderator Carl Hanson recognized Laurie Hanks for a motion to approve Article 4 as written. A second was heard from Pat Wells. Laurie Hanks stated the teachers were really supportive and gave up a lot for the expansion. The board would have liked to given them more in their contract but the teachers understood the importance of the expansion and the school board thanks them. Judy North asked if the budget included increased staffing. Laurie Hanks answered that the budget amount is this current year's salary. Judy asked if the staffing will increase based on the new school expansion. Laurie stated this will not impact staffing next year. Leslie Brown stated that the expansion does not mean that we will added additional classes. It will bring the classes back in the school from the portables and distribute the needed space for current programs. This doe not dictate any increase in staff. Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion. No discussion was heard. **Article 4 was passed by unanimous vote. Article 4 was adopted by a majority voice vote.**

ARTICLE 5. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to be added to the school district special education expendable trust fund previously established. (Recommended by the School Board) Moderator Hanson explained Article 5 was officially posted with the other articles but due to a formatting error it was omitted from the packet. The handout was distributed to everyone. **Moderator Hanson recognized Laurie Hanks for motion to approve Article 5 as written. A second was heard by Jay Thompson.** Laurie explained the special education trust fund of \$70,000. A total of \$16,000 is needed to bring it back up to the \$70,000. The special education fund is important to a small district. The fund will cover any unforeseen education costs. **Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion on Article 5. None was heard. Article 5 was passed by unanimous vote and was adopted as written.**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the school district tuition expendable trust fund previously established. (Recommended by the School Board) **Moderator Hanson recognized Douglas Caffrey for motion to approve Article 6 as written. A second was heard.** Doug Caffrey explained the school district trust fund was established to cover an unanticipated students moving in that would go to the Junior or Senior high school. The fund needs to be at \$100,00 and currently needs \$30,000 to fund it. **Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion on Article 6. None was heard. Article 6 was passed by unanimous vote and was adopted as written.**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Grantham School District will accept +/- 24 acres of the proposed subdivision for tax map 233 lot 075, currently known as 75 Learning Drive,

Town of Grantham. (Recommended by the School Board)) **Moderator Hanson recognized Cynthia Chew for motion to approve Article 7 as written. A second was heard by Mr. Chew.** Cynthia Chew explained the town still owns the property and the school needs to go to the selectman to get anything approved so it would be much easier if the school owned the property. The town has also agreed with the school to work on getting a bridge for an additional access road. **Moderator Hanson asked for further discussion on Article 7. None was heard. Article 7 was passed by unanimous vote and was adopted as written.**

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Grantham School District, if article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 4 cost items only? (Recommended by the School Board) Since Article 4 was approved article 8 is a mute point.

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. **Moderator Hanson asked for discussion on Article 10. None was heard. A motion was heard to adjourn. A unanimous vote was heard to adjourn.**

Respectfully Submitted,


Brenda Molloy
School District Clerk

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade
Alteva, Gergana	Anderson, Taylor	Arnold, Jennifer	Blandin, Matthew
Barton, Nicole	Beaulieu, Zachary	Besette, Zachary	Brown, Megan
Berg, Rachel	Becker, Benjamin	Broughton, Emily	Caffrey, Sarah
Besette, Teddy	Blanche, Gabriel	Chesnut, John	Chesnut, Melody
Bonk, Otto	Blike, Geoffrey	Childs, Ashley	Collier, Christine
Brown, Joshua	Buckman, Phoebe	Connally, John	Cornish, Stephanie
Charbono, Matthew	Caffrey, Mary	Cyphers, Michael	Covel, Dalton
Cressey, Lauren	Cartier, Nikayla	Dziegielewski, Cody	Craig, Corin
Fabry, Corey	Collier, Alisabeth	Gobin, Elisabeth	Cressey, Truman
Field, Trevor	Densmore, Justin	Goucher, Alyssa	Field, Danielle
Gallien, Madison	Googins, Andrew	Hosmer, Jordan	Gilliatt, Colleen
Gleim, Jennifer	Goucher, Ashley Rose	Kretowicz, Katelyn	Glinos, Jeffrey
Greeley, Alec	Greeley, Connor	Malnati, Jillian	Hueil, Marlin
Hanslin de Sherbinin, Nicholas	Guerin, Vincent	McGuire, Rylee	Marsh, Jeremy
Hastings, Travis	Hagan, Sara	Ray, Kristen	Mortenson, Alexandra
Holdowsky, Rebecca	Head, Alex	Richard, Emma	Paquette, Haleigh
Hurst, Anna	Hogsett, Mary Kathryn	Rollins, Abigail	Purcell, Morgan
Laramie, Jennifer	Holdowsky, Liane	Schones, Brittany	Rivera, Dimequa
Liebold, Zachary	Hunt, John	Stitt, Kenneth	Rivera, Pantara
Lovejoy, Christopher	Johnes, Haley	Tilton, Garrett	Russell, Liam
Marcano, Aquiles	Keat, Moriah	Wallin, Leo	Sekula, Tyler
McCurley, Cassandra	Marcano, Mariana Del-Valle		Siegel, Katherine
Mitchell, Colleen	Martin, Daniel		Turner, Kelsie
Morgan, Gavin	McClory, Erin		Wells-Bogue, Madeleine
Palermo, Emily	Morgan, Brooke		Willis, Michael
Pomer, Kevin	Nichols, Bradley Jr		Wilson, Jacob
Purdy, Jeffrey	Rose, Darryl		
Schones, Micaela	Schmidt, Colette		
Shepherd, Nic	Sullivan, Spencer		
Smith, Abigail	Walker, Kelsey		
Tilton, Conner	Wilson, Zachary		
Tober-Spiegle, Shelton			
Wells-Bogue, Gary			
Whipple, Sarah			
White, Brenna			
Word, Andrew			

Grade 11

Baslow, Patrick	Berry, Chris	Berry, Shelby	Bessette, Samantha
Boyes, Susan	Chase, Phillip Scott	Converse, Jericka	Covel, Kaitlyn
Cyphers, Joshua	Eigenbrode, Sarah	Fox, Hilary	Gobin, Gregory
Hagan, Owen	Holland, Emily	Hunt, Daniel	Jarvis, Amanda
Kenny, Paige	Kierstead, Nicholas	Lane, Christopher	Lee, Jacqueline
Marks, Arianna	Marks, Tamara	Martin, Jayson	Mayo, Devin
McClory, Shawn	Mitchell, Nichole	Morgan, Braden	Paquette, Kyle
Ray, Karl	Richard, Evan	Smith, Matthew	Valente, Rebecca
Valliere, Ellie	Walters, Molly	Weber, Zachary	Whipple, Joshua
Williams, Gregory			

Grade 12 - Class of 2009

Allen, Jordan	Arnold, Kaitlyn	Beaulieu, Aaron	Berg, Anna
Broughall, Katie	Butler, Morgan	Carey, Erin	Clark, Stephen
Conine, Andrea	Cornish, Ashley	Emerson, Heather	Feldstein, Jeremy
Giveen, Luke	Guerin, Dylan	Hoag, Charles	Holu, Enoch
Hutchins, Matthew	Lamont, Brett	Mortenson, Ashley	O'Brien, Reed
Shepherd, Karli	Smith, Kristina	Steinmetz, Kasey	Sullivan, Patrick
Wells-Bogue, Merhawi	Williams, John	Wilson, Michael	

