

A Joint Meeting of the AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL and UNION 26 School Committees
6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2017
 Library, Amherst Regional High School

AGENDA

- Welcome and Call to Order 6:30 p.m.
- Approve Minutes—February 28, 2017; March 7, 2017; March 8, 2017 6:35 p.m.
- Announcements and Public Comment 6:40 p.m.
- Interim Superintendent’s Update 6:50 p.m.
- New and Continuing Business
 - 1) Superintendent Search Discussion 7:00 p.m.

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- 2) 2017-2018 School Year Calendar Vote 8:00 p.m.
Proposed Motion: Move to approve the Pre-Labor Day start calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 3) Amended Regional Method of Assessment Vote 8:10 p.m.
Proposed Motion: To amend the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement such that, notwithstanding Section VI, for Fiscal Year 2018 only, 10% of the operating budget assessment shall be allocated to each town based on proportionate shares of a five year average of statutory minimum contributions (FY14-18), and the other 90% will be allocated to the member towns in accordance with the per-pupil method found in the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement. Since FY18 minimum contributions will not be finalized at the time of this vote, the District will use the state’s preliminary figures with estimated corrections provided by the state
- 4) FY2018 Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Budget Vote 8:20 p.m.
Proposed Motion: To adopt a budget of \$31,317,900 for Fiscal year 2018 for the Amherst Pelham Regional School District and to assess member towns according to the method in the just approved amendment such that 10% of the operating budget assessment will be allocated to each town based on proportionate shares of a five year average of statutory minimum contributions (FY14-18) and the other 90% to each town according to the per-pupil method assessment method specified in the Regional as follows:

Amherst	\$15,502,710
Pelham	\$1,035,183
Leverett	\$1,492,715
Shutesbury	\$1,735,946
Total	\$19,766,554

- 5) Capital Plan Vote 8:30 p.m.
Proposed Motion: That the District hereby appropriates the sum of \$155,000 for the purpose of paying costs of the following projects, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto: (i) Field Improvement Study in the amount of \$30,000; (ii) Architectural Services for the Middle School Roof in the amount of \$75,000; and (iii) Removal of the Middle School underground oil storage tank in the amount of \$50,000, said sum to be expended at the direction of the Regional School District School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the District Treasurer is authorized to

borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The amounts indicated above for each project are estimates and the Director of Finance may allocate more funds to any one or more of such projects, and less to others, so long as, in the judgment of the Director of Finance, each of the projects described above can be completed within the total appropriation made by this vote. Any premium received by the District upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

FURTHER VOTED: That within forty-eight hours from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this District in writing as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws, and by the District Agreement. In addition the Committee shall cause the same information to be published within 10 days after such authorization as a paid notice in a newspaper circulating in the District.”

- 6) Special Education Stabilization Fund Vote 8:40 p.m.
Proposed Motion: Move that the School Committee vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 13E, which allows the establishment of, and appropriation or transfer of money to, a reserve fund to be utilized in the upcoming fiscal years, to pay, without further appropriation, unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out-of-district tuition or transportation.
- 7) Accept Gifts (if any received) 8:50 p.m.
- School Committee Planning 8:55 p.m.
 - Adjourn 9:00 p.m.