



**TOWN OF BELMONT
WARRANT FOR 2016 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2016
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables in said County:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont, qualified as the law requires to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Chenery Middle School Auditorium on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.**, and to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members to meet and act at said time and place on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1:

REPORTS

To hear the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore appointed and to act thereon.

This article allows the Board of Selectmen and other town officers, boards and committees to report orally to the Town Meeting on appropriate matters not otherwise appearing on the Warrant. This article stays "on the table" throughout the Special Town Meeting to allow town officials and committees to report when necessary.

Majority vote required for passage.

Yes ___ No ___

ARTICLE 2: AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District" for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on December 21, 2015, and which have been submitted as a restated "Regional Agreement" bearing the date of December 21, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town.

This article seeks to make amendments to the Minuteman Regional Vocational High School Agreement. The Agreement was last amended in 1980. These amendments require passage by all member communities (16 total) in order to take effect.

Highlights of Proposed Amendments:

Changes to the withdrawal process and immediate withdrawal provision for seven communities to leave the district without needing a separate vote;

Uses a four-year rolling average where student enrollment is a factor in determining the annual operating and capital assessment in place of the single year figure;

Introduces a weighted voting methodology for most School Committee actions;

Includes Capital Cost obligation for new members of the District; and

Revises the formula by which annual capital costs are assessed.

Majority vote required for passage.

Yes_____ No_____

ARTICLE 3: BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Belmont High School Building Committee for the purpose of renovation and/or new construction of the high school; to authorize the appointment of a High School Building Committee to oversee the feasibility study, design, construction and perform other required activities of said project in accordance with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) approval process; or in any way act thereon.

Majority vote required for passage.

Yes_____ No_____



Given under our hands this 11th day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF BELMONT


Sami S. Baghdady, Chair


Mark A. Paolillo, Vice Chair


James R. Williams

A True Copy, Attest

Town Clerk of Belmont, MA