

ARTICLE VI. To see if the school district will vote to authorize the treasurer to appoint a deputy treasurer with the approval of the school board and in accordance with RSA 197:24-a (majority vote required).
(The school board recommends this article)

Given under our hands at said Bedford
this 12th day of February, 1996.

A true copy of warrant - attest:

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**BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the McKelvie School in said district on the 12th day of March, 1996, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following questions:

1. To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the school district? (By Petition - a 3/5ths vote required for passage of this question.)

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. and will close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

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SENATE BILL 2

On 3/12/96, Bedford voters adopted the provisions of RSA 40:13, to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the school district. RSA 40:13 is better known as "Senate Bill 2." The official ballot referendum form of meeting will be used in the Spring of 1997 to adopt the school district's 1997/98 budget.

The schematic drawing of the Senate Bill 2 process on the following page provides a general overview of what the law requires. The specific schedule for the Bedford School District is as follows:

- Tues., 2/11/97 Public Hearing: Present and explain the proposed fiscal year 1998 School District Budget.
- Wed., 3/12/97 Session I: A deliberative meeting to discuss and debate each warrant article which is subject to amendment and vote on a final dollar amount to be placed on the ballot.
- Mon., 3/24/97 Public Hearing: Report on action taken at Session I.
- Tues., 4/8/97 Session II: Referendum ballot vote on warrant articles as amended and/or approved at Session I and election of school district officers.

It should be noted that Session I is just as important as the former Annual School District Meeting. The only major difference between Session I and the former School District Meeting is that the final vote on each article (amended or not) will now occur by ballot on Tuesday, 4/8/97.

At a minimum, the following articles will be on the 1997 Warrant:

- The 1997/98 operating budget as proposed by the school board.
- The negotiated teachers' contract (BEA).
- The negotiated support staff contract (BESSA).
- A deficit appropriation for high school tuition and for special education.

Petitioned warrant articles signed by 25 or more voters can still be submitted as in the past to a school board member. These articles are due by 2/9/97, and will be placed on the warrant for the deliberative meeting (Session I).

Senate Bill 2 is new and this will be the district's first time implementing it. A great deal has been written and said about its pros and cons and there are some who question its value. Regardless of all the questions and opinions, one thing must prevail; that is, reasonable people must make reasonable decisions. Everyone should work hard to have a successful school district meeting this year. The students are counting on the adults to continue to support them and quality education.