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## Rivendell Interstate School District Public Hearing

The following Amendment to the District Articles of Agreement is proposed to be put before the voters of Rivendell Interstate School District during their Annual Meeting in March. The Board will hear input from the public on

## December 3, 2024 at 6 pm

## **Rivendell Academy Multipurpose Room, Orford NH**

Pursuant to Article J, shall the voters of the Rivendell Interstate School District amend the Articles of Agreement to adopt all budgets by official ballot and adjust polling times by making the following additions and amendments to Appendix A:

The following paragraphs shall be added to Appendix A:

53. The vote to adopt the budget of the Interstate District shall be by official ballot and shall take place each year on the same date and at the same location as the annual Interstate School District meeting and election of school district officers.

54. The budget vote shall be written in the form of a question, with boxes indicating a choice of "yes" and "no" directly to the right side of the question.

55. The budget ballot shall be entitled "OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE RIVENDELL INTERSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT" followed by the date of the budget vote and a facsimile signature of the Clerk who prepared the ballot. Immediately below, the following instruction shall be printed: "Instructions to Voters: To vote on the budget, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of question." This budget ballot question may appear on the same ballot as that used for the election of district-wide school district officers.

56. Budget ballots cast by the voters of the Interstate School District shall be commingled and shall not be counted according to the town in which a voter resides.

57. All election procedures in Appendix A concerning the election of school district officers shall apply to the budget vote by official ballot, except that with regard to a request for a recount of the budget vote, at least two registered voters from each town of the Interstate School District may together demand a recount of ballots if the margin by which the budget passed or failed is less than five percent of the total votes cast on the budget. The request shall be filed with the clerk within 10 days after the budget vote.

Appendix A, paragraph 23, shall be stricken in its entirety and replaced with the following:

23. The polls for voting on all official ballots shall be open from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm.

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