

Warrant Article

The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 71, hereby requests that the following Article be placed on the Warrant for the next regularly scheduled Annual Town Meeting of the Town of [insert town name]:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT effective July 1, 2016 by striking the following language contained in Section XIV(B):

(B) Procedure

Any proposal for amendment, except a proposal for amendment providing for the withdrawal of a member town (which shall be acted upon as provided in Section XVI), may be initiated by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Committee or by a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of any one of the member towns. In the latter case, said petition shall contain at the end thereof a certification by the town clerk of such member town as to the number of registered voters in said town according to the most recent voting list and the number of signatures on the petition which appear to be the names of registered voters of said town and said petition shall be presented to the secretary of the Committee. In either case, the secretary of the Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the board of selectmen of each of the member towns that a proposal to amend this Agreement has been made and shall enclose a copy of such proposal (without the signature in the case of a proposal by petition). The selectmen of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual or a special town meeting called for the purpose, an article stating the proposal or the substance thereof. Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by all of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid.

and replacing said language with the following:

(B) Procedure

Any proposal for amendment of this Agreement, except a proposal for amendment providing for the withdrawal of a member town (which shall be acted upon as provided in Section XV), may be initiated by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Committee or by a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of any one of the member towns. In the latter case, said petition shall contain at the end thereof a certification by the town clerk of such member town as to the number of registered voters in said town according to the most recent voting list and the number of signatures on the petition which appear to be the names of registered voters of said town and said petition shall be presented to the secretary of the Committee. In either case, the secretary of the Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the board of selectmen of each of the member towns that a proposal to amend this Agreement has been made and shall enclose a copy of such proposal (without the signature in the case of a proposal by petition). The selectmen of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual or a special town meeting called for the purpose, an article stating the proposal or the substance thereof. Except as provided below in paragraph (C) of this Section, such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a town meeting.

(C) Approval of an Amendment Requiring the Closure of a District School

Any amendment the impact of which would be the required closure of a District school, whether initiated by a member town or by the Committee, will take effect only upon its acceptance by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the member towns provided that the town(s) whose students are principally served by the District school to be closed must have voted to accept the amendment, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a town meeting. Further, any amendment to this paragraph (C) will take effect only upon its acceptance by all of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at a town meeting.