

Littleton Annual Spring Town Meeting Article 9

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Process of Membership into Nashoba Valley Technical School District

Before a new membership in the district can be completed the following admission process has to take place. This process is in the District Agreement, as well as Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, section 14B:

- A proposal for an amendment to admit another town may be initiated by a vote of a majority of the District Committee or by a petition signed by at least ten (10) percent of the registered voters of any one of the member towns (the percent must be certified by the town clerk).
- The District Secretary shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the Board of Selectman of each member town that a proposal to amend the District Agreement has been made. A copy of the vote of the proposal or the petition (with names redacted) must be attached.
- The proposed amendment must be voted upon at an annual or special town meeting of all member towns. The amendment will take effect upon its acceptance by two thirds of the member towns through a majority vote.

Nashoba Valley Technical School District
Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Westford, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend, Ayer

Article

To see if the town will vote to accept the proposal of the Regional District School Committee passed on October 11, 2011 to amend the agreement establishing the Nashoba Valley Technical School District as amended (a) by providing for the admission to the district of the Town of Ayer as a vote to accept the agreement as amended; (b) by providing that members of the Committee shall be appointed by an appointing committee in each in each town consisting of the moderator, selectmen and local school committee members; (c) by providing that membership on the committee shall be as follows: Chelmsford - 3 members, Groton – 1 member, Littleton - 1 member, Westford – 2 members, Pepperell – 3 members, Shirley – 1 members, Townsend – 2 member, Ayer – 1 member (if Ayer joins the district); (d) by providing that each member town will have an alternate member to the committee who can serve in the absence or disability of a member from the town involved; (e) by providing that the admission of a new town or towns to the District shall result in the reapportionment accordingly of capital costs of the District represented by bonds or notes of the District then outstanding and of interest thereon; (f) by providing that the capital costs of any subsequent capital improvements of the district shall be apportioned among all the member towns on the basis of their respective pupil enrollments in the district school; (g) by providing that in each case where the apportionment of capital costs is to be based on pupil enrollments in the district school, each member town shall be deemed to have an enrollment of at least five pupils; (h) by conforming the dates on which payments to the district by the member towns are due to a July 1 - June 30 fiscal year; and (i) by making technical changes incidental to the foregoing amendments. (Such amendment will not become effective until the amendment is accepted by two-thirds of the member towns, approved by the Town of Ayer and upon the authorization of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education). Copies of the agreement as amended and proposed to be amended, as described in this Article, are available at the office of the town clerk.

Vote

Voted: that the town accept the proposal of the Regional District School Committee passed on October 11, 2011, to amend the agreement establishing the Nashoba Valley Technical High School District as amended.

**NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR 2013
TOWN ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT AYER**

Proposed FY13 Budget	10/1/2011 No. of District Students	Students Per Town Percentage	Town's Minimum Contribution	Capital Equipment	Student Transportation	Sub-total Assessment 2012-2013	Debt Service	Premium Offset	Total Assessment 2012-2013
Chelmsford	144	24.78%	1,799,490	24,785	86,747	1,911,022	136,960	(3,348)	2,044,633
Groton	33	5.68%	393,788	5,680	19,880	419,347	31,387	(767)	449,967
Littleton	52	8.95%	603,850	8,950	31,325	644,125	49,458	(1,209)	692,374
Pepperell	122	21.00%	900,587	20,998	73,494	995,079	116,035	(2,837)	1,108,278
Shirley	75	12.91%	581,042	12,909	45,181	639,132	71,333	(1,744)	708,721
Townsend	102	17.56%	748,443	17,556	61,446	827,445	97,013	(2,372)	922,086
Westford	53	9.12%	534,430	9,122	31,928	575,480	50,409	(1,232)	624,656
	581	100.00%	5,561,630	100,000	350,000	6,011,630	552,595	(13,510)	6,550,715

**NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR 2013
TOWN ASSESSMENTS INCLUDING AN ESTIMATE FOR AYER**

Proposed FY13 Budget	10/1/2011 No. of District Students	Students Per Town Percentage	Town's Minimum Contribution	Capital Equipment	Student Transportation	Sub-total Assessment 2012-2013	Debt Service	Premium Offset	Total Assessment 2012-2013
Ayer	60	9.36%	557,301	9,360	32,761	599,423	51,725	(1,265)	649,883
Chelmsford	144	22.46%	1,799,490	22,465	78,627	1,900,582	124,140	(3,035)	2,021,687
Groton	33	5.15%	393,788	5,148	18,019	416,955	28,449	(696)	444,708
Littleton	52	8.11%	603,850	8,112	28,393	640,355	44,828	(1,096)	684,088
Pepperell	122	19.03%	900,587	19,033	66,615	986,234	105,174	(2,571)	1,088,837
Shirley	75	11.70%	581,042	11,700	40,952	633,694	64,656	(1,581)	696,770
Townsend	102	15.91%	748,443	15,913	55,694	820,050	87,932	(2,150)	905,833
Westford	53	8.27%	534,430	8,268	28,939	571,637	45,690	(1,117)	616,211
	641	100.00%	6,118,931	100,000	350,000	6,568,931	552,595	(13,510)	7,108,016

ESTIMATE OF AYER CAPITAL, TRANSPORTATION AND DEBT

Below is an estimate of cost for capital items, student transportation and debt, in addition to the minimum contribution that Ayer would have incurred as a member of the Nashoba Valley Technical School District:

Fiscal Year 2011 the estimated Ayer share at 6.55% would have been \$66,815 above the minimum assessment of \$415,421

Fiscal Year 2012 the estimated Ayer share at 7.67% would have been \$78,216 above the minimum assessment of \$504,740

Fiscal Year 2013 the estimated Ayer share at 9.36% would be \$92,581 above the minimum assessment of \$557,301

Nashoba Valley Technical High School Ayer Tuition History

Fiscal Year	# Students	Tuition	SPED	Transportation	Total
FY 02	25	\$256,782.56	\$25,002.00	\$26,820.00	\$308,604.56
FY 03	27	\$295,887.98	\$21,996.38	\$26,820.00	\$344,704.36
FY 04	31	\$343,126.32	\$22,354.02	\$28,620.00	\$394,100.34
FY 05	31	\$336,505.32	\$13,125.87	\$29,883.20	\$379,514.39
FY 06	31	\$374,697.00	\$0.00	\$39,394.80	\$414,091.80
FY 07	28	\$277,932.58	\$30,086.15	\$39,420.00	\$347,438.73
FY 08	37	\$432,052.53	\$62,749.66	\$42,275.02	\$537,077.21
FY 09	36	\$446,962.85	\$40,138.89	\$43,961.61	\$531,063.35
FY 10	41	\$551,952.32	\$51,392.36		\$603,344.68
FY 11	47	\$650,823.66	\$57,489.22		\$708,312.88
FY 12*	59	\$763,907.58	\$67,248.78		\$831,156.36
*Includes estimate for second half of year					
Totals to Date		\$4,730,630.70	\$391,583.33	\$277,194.63	\$5,399,408.66

Advantages of Expanding Membership For District Members

- Total reduced assessment, capital, transportation and debt by adding additional member to the District
- Anticipated buy-in may allow for facilities and major capital updates
- Ayer becomes a member of Nashoba Valley Technical School District, (rather than another Regional Technical District) which will result in increased enrollment and revenue for NVTHS
- Will continue to help maintain the Budget at minimum without impact to direct student services