

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend subsection A (“Procedure”) of Section IX (“Withdrawal”) of the Masconomet Regional School District Agreement, as recommended by the Masconomet Regional School District School Committee, by inserting the ***bold, italicized text:***

Any member town may withdraw from the regional school district by a majority vote of the voters present and voting on the question at an annual or special town meeting called for the purpose, such withdrawal to become effective on June 30 of the year named in the question, provided: (1) that in pursuance of such vote, the withdrawing town gives the regional school district at least one year’s written notice of its intention to withdraw, (2) that the said town has paid over to the District any costs which have been certified by the district treasurer to the treasurer of the withdrawing town, including the entire amount so certified for the year in which such withdrawal takes effect, and (3) that the said town shall remain liable to the District for its share of the indebtedness, ***including but not limited to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and other liabilities*** of the District outstanding at the time of such withdrawal, and for interest thereon, to the same extent and in the same manner as if the town had not withdrawn from the District, except that such liability shall be reduced by any amount which such town has paid over at the time of withdrawal and which has been applied to the payment of such indebtedness or interest. ***An existing member may withdraw from the regional school district as of July 1 of any fiscal year, provided that all requisite approvals for such admission or withdrawal, including the Commissioner’s approval, shall be obtained no later than the preceding December 31. The authorizing votes may provide for the deferral of said admission or withdrawal until July 1 of a subsequent fiscal year.***

Or to take any other action thereon.

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Select Board recommends adoption of this article

MOTION: I move to amend subsection A (“Procedure”) of Section IX (“Withdrawal”) of the Masconomet Regional School District Agreement, as described in and in accordance with Article 24 of this warrant.

COMMENT: This article seeks approval of an amendment to the Masconomet Regional School District Agreement, of which the towns of Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton are members, which clarifies the process through which a member town may withdraw from the regional district.