



**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2016  
LIST OF ARTICLES**

- 1. AMEND FY 16 OPERATING BUDGET (RESERVE FUND)**
  - 2. WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH FROM THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**
  - 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**
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To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxborough, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify all residents of the Town of Boxborough, who shall be qualified to vote in accord with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 51, Section 1, to meet at the Blanchard Memorial School, 493 Massachusetts Avenue, Boxborough, MA on Wednesday, February, 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to act on Articles 1 through 3 of this Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**ARTICLE 1 AMEND FY 16 OPERATING BUDGET (RESERVE FUND)**

(Majority vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), more or less, to provide for the operations and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 by amending the operating budget as voted under Annual Town Meeting Article 5 on May 11, 2015 by increasing the Reserve Fund, Department #132, as indicated below; or take any other action relative thereto.

Line Item #	Description	Appropriated at ATM 5/11/15	Proposed Increase/ <Decrease> Appropriation	Total FY 16 Allocation
132	Total Other – Reserve Fund	\$185,000	\$50,000	\$235,000

**The Finance Committee recommends (x-y).**

**The Board of Selectmen recommends (x-y).**

**ARTICLE 2        WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH FROM THE MINUTEMAN  
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

(Majority vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Minuteman Regional School District effective July 1, 2017, contingent upon the acceptance, on or before March 1, 2016, by all of the current members of the Minuteman District, and the approval, on or before December 31, 2016, by the Commissioner of Education, of the Amended Regional Agreement dated December 21, 2015 which has been submitted to the member towns by the Minuteman Regional School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**The Board of Selectmen...**

**The Finance Committee...**

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**ARTICLE 3            AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE  
MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

(Majority vote required)

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing “Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District” for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on December 21, 2015, and which have been submitted as a restated “Regional Agreement” bearing the date of December 21, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Summary**

Background: In March 2014, the Minuteman Regional School Committee approved a set of amendments to the Agreement, which were sent to all member towns for consideration at their 2014 annual town meetings. The motivation for the proposed amendments was the need to obtain the unanimous consent of the member towns in order to undertake the vital and long overdue capital campaign necessary to bring the existing, antiquated school structure into compliance with building codes. Ten member towns voted to approve, one town voted against, and five towns, including Boxborough, passed over the article. Because adoption of the Amended Agreement requires unanimous vote of the member towns, the School Committee presented the amendments to those six towns to consider again in 2015. Boxborough voted to pass over the article and the remaining five towns did likewise or did not take any further action.

It was clear that the proposed amended agreement would have to be further modified in order to achieve a unanimous vote of support. After a good deal of discussion among selectmen in the member towns, as well as members of the school committee, further revisions to the March 2014 draft were recommended and endorsed, and on December 21, 2015, the Minuteman Regional School Committee unanimously approved a new Regional Agreement, with additional revisions providing for a streamlined process for withdrawal by member towns, elimination of the five-student minimum charged to member towns for capital costs, and requiring out-of-district communities to help pay for their share of capital costs of a new building.

The full text of the amended Regional Agreement, on which you are being asked to vote, is available in both clean and red-line versions, at the Boxborough Town Clerk’s office, the Sargent Memorial Library and on-line, by clicking the town meeting links from the home page of the Boxborough web.

A summary of all the changes reflected in the draft December 21, 2015 Regional School District Agreement of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District is available below:

**INSERT TABLE SHOWING CHANGES**

**The Board of Selectmen...**

**The Finance Committee...**

Hereof, fail not deliver these warrants with your return of service thereon to the Town Clerk on or before February 10, 2016.

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Vincent M. Amoroso, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

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Susan M. Bak, Clerk  
Board of Selectmen

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Leslie R. Fox  
Board of Selectmen

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James J. Gorman  
Board of Selectmen

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Robert T. Stemple  
Board of Selectmen