

## Suggested Warrant Summary for Special Town Meetings

### Explanation of Revisions to the Minuteman Regional Agreement

In the spring of 2014, the Minuteman District School Committee asked the 16 communities in the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District to approve a series of amendments to the Regional Agreement that governs the District. While ten (10) District towns approved the amendments, the amendments did not take effect because one member town rejected them and five member towns failed to vote on them. Under the existing Regional Agreement, all 16 towns must approve all changes to the Agreement.

This new version, endorsed by the Minuteman District School Committee on December 21, 2015, incorporates all of the amendments previously proposed, plus additional changes proposed by a working group of Selectmen representing each of the current 16 members.

Among other things, the new Regional Agreement uses a four-year rolling average of enrollment for assessing costs, streamlines the process for withdrawal by member towns, eliminates the five-student minimum charged to member towns for capital costs, and requires out-of-district communities to pay an equitable share of any capital costs associated with a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) project.

It should be noted that initial withdrawal from the District by member towns is conditioned upon approval of the amended Regional Agreement *and* a vote to withdraw from the District. All votes must be taken during Special Town Meetings to be concluded no later than March 1, 2016.

The full text of the proposed amended Regional Agreement and more detailed Summaries of the proposed revisions can be found on the Minuteman website at <http://minuteman.schoolwires.net/Page/196>.

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