

December 17, 2002
(By Presidential signature)

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN HANOVER AND NORWICH
IN ACCORDANCE WITH
NEW HAMPSHIRE-VERMONT INTERSTATE SCHOOL COMPACT
(NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 200-B)

A. The name of the interstate school district shall continue to be the Dresden School District.

B. The District shall continue to include the Hanover School District and the Norwich School District.

C. The Dresden Board of School Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members, seven (7) of whom shall be residents of Hanover and elected by the Hanover School District, and four (4) of whom shall be residents of Norwich and elected by the Norwich Town School District. Those persons elected annually as candidates for the full three (3) year terms or for portions of unexpired three (3) year terms for the Hanover School Board and Norwich Board of School Directors and that person elected in odd numbered years to a two (2) year term or for a portion of such two (2) year term for the Norwich Board of School Directors shall be deemed thereby to have been elected as members of the Dresden Board of School Directors, and only those persons elected and qualifying each year in this manner as members of the Hanover School Board and Norwich Board of School Directors shall be deemed thereby to have been elected and qualified as members of the Dresden Board of School Directors. The person elected to a two (2) year term in even numbered years or for a portion of such unexpired term as the fifth member of the Norwich Board of School Directors shall have all the rights of a member of the Dresden Board of School Directors regarding school board business except the right to vote.

D. The Dresden School District shall be responsible for grades 7-12 inclusive. The Dresden School District may operate schools for grades other than grades 7-12 for students received on a tuition basis. No tuition students shall be received from the Norwich and Hanover School Districts by the Dresden School District except pursuant to a tuition contract approved by the receiving and sending districts.

E. The properties acquired initially by the Dresden School District at its formation in 1963 and owned by the District in 1971 when the District voted to come under the New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate Compact were the building commonly known as Hanover High School, the approximately 25.2 acres of land upon which said school and related outdoor facilities are located, and various equipment and supplies therein.

F. Operating expenses shall continue to be divided between Hanover and Norwich in the proportion that the average daily resident membership of each in the district schools for the preceding fiscal year bears to the total average daily resident membership for such year. Payments shall be made by the member districts upon proper notice and in such manner as may be specified by the Treasurer of the Dresden School District.

G. Existing indebtedness, if any, shall be paid as specified at the time the debt incurred; otherwise as in (F) above for the year in which payment is made.

H. Capital expenses shall be divided between Hanover and Norwich in the proportion that the average daily resident membership of each town in the district schools for the preceding fiscal year bears to the total average daily resident membership for such year.

I. State aid shall be allocated as provided in Articles X and XI of the New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate School Compact.

J. These Articles of Agreement may be amended as provided in Article IX, New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate School Compact.

K. The date of operating responsibility under these Articles of Agreement shall be the date of their adoption, at an annual or special meeting of the District.

- L. (1) Transportation of pupils from home to school and return shall remain the responsibility of the Hanover and Norwich School Districts for their respective residents.
- (2) The District may accept tuition pupils when this is to the advantage of the educational program.
- (3) Commencing in 2001, the discussion phase of the annual school district meeting shall take place on the Thursday before the first Tuesday of March (except that in those years when such date falls during school vacation it shall take place on the Saturday before the first Tuesday in March) and the voting phase of the annual school district meeting shall take place on the first Tuesday of March each year. The voting phase of the Dresden School District annual meeting held in Hanover shall be conducted in conjunction with the election of Hanover School District officers (if the Hanover School District so votes), and the voting phase of the Dresden School District annual meeting held in Norwich shall be conducted in conjunction with the Australian balloting of the Norwich Town School District annual meeting (if the Norwich Town School District so votes).

- (4) A certified public accountant shall be employed by the Board to assist the auditors in the performance of their duties.
- (5) There is hereby established the Dresden Finance Committee which shall consist of the members of the Hanover Finance Committee and the Norwich Finance Committee. The Dresden Finance Committee shall have the same duties and responsibilities with respect to the budget of the Dresden School District as the Hanover and Norwich Finance Committees have with respect to the budgets of their respective towns and school districts.
- (6) The cost of educating handicapped students outside the Dresden School District and the state aid for such outside placements shall accrue to the individual town school district in which each student resides.
- (7) Voting at the annual and special meetings of the District on all warrant articles, including votes to authorize the incurring of debts to finance capital projects (bond issues) and on election of the Moderator, District Clerk, Treasurer, and Auditors, shall be by secret ballot according to the document entitled, 'Dresden School District Procedures for Australian Ballot' attached to these Articles as Appendix A."

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DRESDEN BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS