



New Hampshire School Boards Association

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70 Constitution Ave., Concord NH 03301

Proposed Changes to the NHSBA Bylaws

In addition to discussing the Proposed Resolutions at this year's Delegate Assembly, the NHSBA is also proposing three changes to NHSBA bylaws. According to NHSBA Bylaws Article VII "These By-Laws may be amended, altered or replaced by a majority vote of those present and voting at the Delegate Assembly or any specially called Delegate Assembly, provided written notice of the same is giving in the call of the meeting."

Accordingly, at the upcoming Delegate Assembly, three bylaw changes will be considered. The bylaws to be considered are as follows.

ARTICLE I

Membership and Membership Dues

1. **Local School Board Membership.** Local School Boards and the boards of state-approved Public Academies within the state may become members of the New Hampshire School Boards Association (hereinafter "NHSBA") upon the payment of their annual dues. The dues for local boards shall be based upon expenditure figures that are the most recent complete totals excluding federal funds and school construction costs. No board dues will increase more than 10% from one year to the other ~~regardless of increases in expenditures~~. All member boards will receive the same basic services, regardless of dues paid. No member board will pay less than their previous year's dues.

The dues formula is as follows:

Expenditures _____ Dues

At- Least	But Less Than	Base Fee	+ Percent	Of Amount- Over
\$0	\$100,000	\$100	0	\$0
\$100,000	\$300,000	\$250	.25	\$100,000
\$300,000	\$600,000	\$750	.150	\$300,000
\$600,000	\$1,500,000	\$1350	.100	\$600,000
\$1,500,000	\$20,000,000	\$2,250	.015	\$1,500,000
\$20,000,000- or more		\$5,025	.002	\$20,000,000

The total annual member board dues for membership in NHSBA may be amended by vote of the Delegate Assembly.

Proposed Bylaw Change:

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As of October 16, 2023, dues shall be set at the rate for Fiscal Year 2024. NHSBA will provide notice to school boards by November 1st of each year if dues will increase for the following fiscal year.

For new member school boards (including boards rejoining NHSBA after a hiatus), incoming dues shall be the same as for the then current member school board whose expenditure totals for the most recent complete totals (excluding federal funds and school construction costs) are nearest to those of the new member board's district.

Rationale: NHSBA dues have not been increased since 2008. Though NHSBA has generally been able to meet its operating expenses through its normal revenue streams, the last two fiscal years, NHSBA has had to use savings reserves to satisfy its overall budget. It is likely that NHSBA will have to raise dues for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025 – June 2026). If NHSBA raises dues consistent with the formula currently within the bylaws, it is likely dues would increase by 20% or more. Clearly, NHSBA does not want to impose such a drastic fiscal change on our members. The NHSBA believes this simple change to the dues formula is fair to our members.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Proposed Bylaw Change:

2. **Election and Term of Office.** Officers shall be elected at the annual Delegate Assembly meeting and take office following that meeting. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of officers at the annual Delegate Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall also submit a slate of Board of Directors members to the Delegate Assembly. Nominations may also be made from the floor. No person shall serve more than ~~one~~ **two terms** in each of the four officer positions.

Rationale: Just as your local school board sees members come and go with some regularity, the same holds true for the NHSBA Board of Directors. Because of turnover on the NHSBA Board of Directors, from time to time, Directors have had to serve more than one term in each of the four officer positions. The NHSBA Board of Directors believes minor change in the bylaws will help with consistency on the Board.

ARTICLE VI

Parliamentary Authority

~~The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.~~

Proposed Bylaw Change:

The Board of Directors, in consultation with a parliamentarian, shall establish Rules of Order, which shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, subject to the approval of the Assembly.

Rationale: *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* is generally not intended to provide rules of order for small, less formal legislative proceedings. Strict adherence to *Robert's Rules of Order* can limit a governing bodies ability to be flexible. The NHSBA Board of Directors believes this change to the bylaws will allow for a smoother process at the Delegate Assembly.