

Increases in the treasurers stipend can be included in the operating budget. There is no requirement that they be approved in a separate warrant article. That said there is nothing wrong with asking for the approval in a separate warrant article. The point is, a separate vote is not required.

RSA 194:10 provides that “at its annual meeting each school district shall determine the salaries of its school board and other district officers, and the district clerk shall certify the same to the selectmen.” There is nothing in the statute requiring a separate vote on the salaries of district officers. Normally salaries are established by their inclusion in the proposed operating budget which contains the appropriations for all officers of the district. Increases in the salaries are no different. While a board will often ask voters for a separate vote on increases to the school board salaries that is for political reasons and so as not to appear to be self dealing, not because it is required by law. Furthermore, the same logic for separating out the approval of salary increases does not apply to the treasurer and the other school district officers who do not control or set the district budget.