

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
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The Gilford School Board held a Public Hearing at the Gilford High School Auditorium. Present were Board members Rae Mello-Andrews, Jeanin Onos, Chris McDonough and Gretchen Gandini.

At 6:00 p.m., Rae Mello-Andrews called the School District Public Hearing to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Beitler confirmed posting of the meeting.

Rae Mello-Andrews stated that pursuant to the provisions of RSA 40:14 IX (b) the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following question submitted as a petition warrant article.

“Shall we change the date for elections from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in May?”

Rae Mello-Andrews opened the floor for discussion.

Mike Dowe spoke to the petition warrant article stating it would be a detriment to the school stating the following reasons:

- If Gilmanton leaves Gilford, AP classes would be severely impacted
- It would fiscally irresponsible to pass this article
- There is no data to support it
- There is no proof that voter turnout has changed due to weather

Adjournment

At 6:05 p.m., there being no more comment, Rae Mello-Andrews asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Chris McDonough motioned to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Jeanin Onos and passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gretchen Gandini
School Board Secretary**