

# WARRANT FOR UNIT BUDGET MEETING REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 24

To Michael Pinkham, resident of Regional School Unit No. 24 in the Counties of Hancock and Washington in the State of Maine:

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Regional School Unit No. 24, in said counties and State, qualified by law to vote in Regional School Unit 24 affairs, to meet at **Sumner Memorial High School** in the Town of Sullivan on **Wednesday, June 1, 2016** at **6:30 o'clock** in the **evening**, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

*Article 1:* To elect by ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.

*Article 2:* To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **Regular Instruction**.

**Directors Recommend: \$5,681,845.51**

*Article 3:* To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **Special Education**

**Directors Recommend: \$2,155,903.66**

*Article 4:* To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **Career and Technical Education**

**Directors Recommend: \$203,088.20**

*Article 5:* To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **Other Instruction**

**Directors Recommend: \$311,834.01**

*Article 6:* To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **Student and Staff Support**

**Directors Recommend: \$1,604,306.64**

*Article 7:* To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **System Administration**

**Directors Recommend: \$555,547.51**

*Article 8:* To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **School Administration**

**Directors Recommend: \$973,625.97**

Article 9: To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **Transportation**

**Directors Recommend: \$1,263,458.93**

Article 10: To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **Facilities Maintenance**

**Directors Recommend: \$1,900,117.35**

Article 11: To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**

**Directors Recommend: \$966,679.79**

Article 12: To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for **All Other Expenditures, Including School Lunch Transfers**

**Directors Recommend: \$200,000.00**

Article 13: To see what sum the Unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Unit will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688 (Recommended amount set forth below):

<u>Town</u>	<u>E.P.S. Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>E.P.S. Amount Raised/Unit Assessment</u>
Eastbrook	\$ 547,443.98	\$ 547,433.98
Franklin	\$ 2,019,980.45	\$ 1,399,933.33
Gouldsboro	\$ 2,562,301.26	\$ 1,867,107.01
Mariaville	\$ 625,412.89	\$ 584,181.67
Sorrento	\$ 229,321.45	\$ 229,321.45
Steuben	\$ 1,533,038.30	\$ 1,510,876.67
Sullivan	\$ 1,831,644.11	\$ 1,464,673.33
Waltham	\$ 462,546.25	\$ 241,391.67
Winter Harbor	\$ 906,692.51	\$ 678,635.94
Total	\$10,718,381.20	\$ 8,523,565.05

*(Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by State law to be the minimum amount that the Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of State dollars.)*

*Article 14:* To see what sum the unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the appropriate legislative bodies for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

**Directors Recommend: \$156,511.33**

*Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters of the appropriate legislative bodies.*

*Article 15:* To see what sum the unit will raise and appropriate in additional local dollars to support the school nutrition program.

**Directors Recommend: \$200,000.00**

*Article 16:* (Written ballot required) To see what sum the Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model, in order to fund the budget recommended by the School Directors.

The Board of Directors **recommends \$3,500,802.03** and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$3,292,163.77: The transition to a smaller school administrative unit results in reduced savings in unit administration, special education, and other unit-wide expenses than in the former larger unit. And the efficiencies that came with greater economies of scale, volume discounts, and the strong market presence of a larger unit are now less significant. While a single administrative unit continues to bring greater efficiencies as well as foster programming equity and staffing levels that are more closely aligned with EPS guidelines than multiple and redundant single building units, our schools are still small and widely scattered; which increases operating costs. The EPS model favors units that are both large and urban. Given these circumstances, it will be very difficult for a unit so rural and geographically spread out to ever achieve the targets calculated in the model. However, the current administrative structure provides many more opportunities to move in that direction.

*(Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment of non-State funded debt service that will help achieve the Unit's budget for educational programs.*

*Article 17:* **Total Budget:** (This is a summary Article. The amount recommended is the gross general fund budget of the School Unit. This Article does not provide money unless the other Articles are approved.) To see what sum the Unit will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for educational purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools

**Directors Recommend: \$15,816,407.57**

*Article 18:* To see if the unit will appropriate **\$394,118.60** for **Adult Education** and raise **\$249,006.73** as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Given under our hands this **3rd day** of **May, A.D., 2016**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT No. 24

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