

**WARRANT TO CALL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 24 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Deborah Bisson, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 24 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the Towns of Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Waltham, and Winter Harbor, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Waltham, and Winter Harbor, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Sumner Memorial High School, 2456 US Highway 1, Sullivan, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 25, 2022 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11
AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$7,274,873.43

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$3,214,660.83

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$90,826.28

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$375,768.17

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends \$1,426,117.90

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends \$646,073.94

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Board Recommends \$1,161,495.47

- ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends \$1,360,156.25
- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Board Recommends \$2,374,243.60
- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$3,587,409.28
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
School Board Recommends \$200,000.00

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

- ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):	
Town of Eastbrook	\$ 801,494.75	Town of Eastbrook	\$ 539,600.00
Town of Franklin	\$ 3,040,965.37	Town of Franklin	\$ 1,310,305.00
Town of Gouldsboro	\$ 3,341,801.12	Town of Gouldsboro	\$ 2,296,743.66
Town of Mariaville	\$ 984,698.47	Town of Mariaville	\$ 493,095.00
Town of Sorrento	\$ 511,680.90	Town of Sorrento	\$ 442,430.18
Town of Steuben	\$ 2,289,390.71	Town of Steuben	\$ 1,245,103.34
Town of Sullivan	\$ 2,141,017.11	Town of Sullivan	\$ 1,380,003.34
Town of Waltham	\$ 784,854.72	Town of Waltham	\$ 231,815.00
Town of Winter Harbor	\$ 756,130.86	Town of Winter Harbor	\$ 494,447.57
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 14,652,034.01	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 8,433,543.09

Explanation: The Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters 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 Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. **School Board Recommends \$164,596.06**

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School 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 Regional School Unit voters.

ARTICLE 14: **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$4,858,013.82**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$4,658,013.82**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends **\$4,858,013.82**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$4,658,013.82**. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: The EPS funding model favors school units that are both large and urban. 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. Given these circumstances, it would be very difficult for a unit so rural and geographically spread out to ever achieve the targets calculated in the model.

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

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023

from the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school 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.
School Board Recommends \$21,711,625.15

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS

ARTICLE 16: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?
School Board Recommends a "YES" Vote

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 17: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?
School Board Recommends a "YES" Vote

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Regional School Unit appropriate \$440,703.82 for adult education and raise \$243,778.50 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?
School Board Recommends a "YES" Vote

ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES AN EXPENDITURE AND A TRANSFER FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 19: Shall the School Board be authorized to expend \$68,000 from the Capital Improvement Reserve for scoreboards, granite benches, and sculpture for the Charles M. Sumner Learning Center Campus, and to transfer \$182,000 from the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to the Operating Budget Cost Center Reserve Fund?
School Board Recommends a "YES" Vote

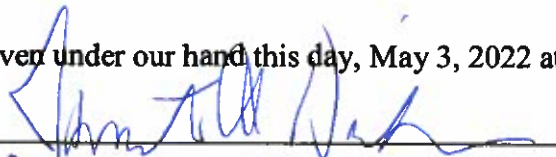
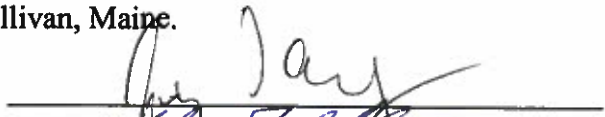








**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES AN EXPENDITURE FROM
THE OPERATING BUDGET COST CENTER RESERVE FUND**

ARTICLE 20: Shall the School Board be authorized to expend \$182,000 from the Operating Budget Cost Center Reserve Fund, including (i) up to \$155,000 for unforeseen expenses related to the Charles H. Sumner Learning campus and unforeseen fuel and utility costs not included in the operating budget, including transportation fuel, heating fuel, and electricity, and (ii) up to \$27,000 for new school uniforms?
School Board Recommends a "YES" Vote

ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES A CONTINGENCY FUND

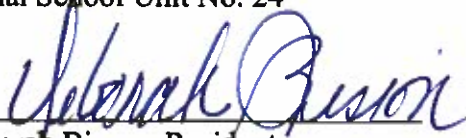
ARTICLE 21: Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A and to transfer unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the prior fiscal year's budget, as determined by audit, to that contingency fund;; and shall the Regional School Unit delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the District's general fund for use in school operating budgets approved by District voters?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

Given under our hand this day, May 3, 2022 at Sullivan, Maine.

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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 24

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Deborah Bisson, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 24