

**WARRANT TO CALL REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. §1485)**

TO: Jennifer L. Colby, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the City of Rockland and the Towns of Cushing, Owls Head, South Thomaston, and Thomaston, 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 Regional School Unit No. 13, namely, the City of Rockland and the Towns of Cushing, Owls Head, South Thomaston, and Thomaston, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Oceanside High School, 400 Broadway Street in the City of Rockland, Maine at 6:00 p.m. on May 23, 2019 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 \$11,280,800

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Board Recommends \$6,968,000

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Board Recommends \$43,900

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Board Recommends \$532,400

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Board Recommends \$2,679,800

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Board Recommends \$725,300

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Board Recommends \$1,553,800

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Board Recommends \$1,445,500

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board Recommends \$3,079,400

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Board Recommends \$2,567,600

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Board Recommends \$300,000

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 15 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 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 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 RSU assessments by municipality):	
Town of Cushing	\$2,357,983.72	Town of Cushing	\$2,357,983.72
Town of Owls Head	\$1,814,448.48	Town of Owls Head	\$1,814,448.48
City of Rockland	\$9,198,134.76	City of Rockland	\$6,378,222.00
Town of South Thomaston	\$2,060,238.31	Town of South Thomaston	\$2,060,238.31
Town of Thomaston	\$4,552,107.53	Town of Thomaston	\$2,976,246.00
Regional School Unit		Regional School Unit	
Total Appropriated	\$ 19,982,912.79	Total Raised	\$15,587,138.50

Explanation: The Regional School 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 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 and 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 kindergarten to grade 12.

School Board Recommends \$2,567,543.76

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. This amount also includes \$511,571 for the local share of the Region 8 building project.

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate to transfer to the school nutrition program.

School Board Recommends \$300,000

ARTICLE 15: (Written ballot required). To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$8,185,859.09**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$8,185,859.09**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends **\$8,185,859.09** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$8,185,859.09**: The Essential Programs and Services funding model does not fully support all of the costs associated with operating a comprehensive K-12 educational program, such as athletics/co-curricular activities, special education programs, alternative education programs, maintenance and transportation, nor does it recognize and account for the costs associated with maintaining small class sizes, operating small elementary schools in each community, and offering a broad level of academic programming including the instruction in the arts and Advanced Placement courses.

Note: that of the \$8,185,859.09 in Additional Local Funds, \$416,505.80 will be assessed directly to the City of Rockland and \$212,107.84 will be assessed directly to the Town of Thomaston to pay for State audit adjustments attributable to those municipalities for overpayments of State subsidy in fiscal year 2018-2019 resulting from incorrect estimates of Pre-K pupil counts.

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 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 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the Regional School 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 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 \$31,176,500

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE 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 purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

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

ARTICLE 18: To see if Regional School Unit No. 13 will appropriate **\$280,000.00** for adult education and raise **\$210,000.00** 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.

**ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE
CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION BUDGET**

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Region 8 Mid-Coast School of Technology career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 be approved in the amount of **\$5,401,068.00**?

The local share from Regional School Unit No. 13 is **\$43,809.39**

**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE
CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Region 8 Mid-Coast School of Technology approve a budget for adult education in the amount of **\$221,003.00** for the year beginning July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, and raise **\$86,250.00** as the local share with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program?

The local share from Regional School Unit No. 13 is **\$20,416.15**

ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES THE EXPENDITURE OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund from the reserve already established for the purpose of capital repairs, maintenance, and improvements.

School Board Recommends \$200,000.00

**ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES THE USE OF ADDITIONAL STATE AID TO
REDUCE LOCAL ASSESSMENTS**

ARTICLE 22: In the event that the Regional School Unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?

School Board Recommends YES

Given under our hand this day, May 9, 2019 at Rockland, Maine.



Carol W. Bachofen

Thomas J. Seaco

Jarvis W. ...

Ray W. ...

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13.

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

Jennifer L. Colby, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 13

RSU # 13 - Budget Information
July 1, 2019– June 30, 2020

Per State Law, the RSU # 13 School Budget approval process requires two steps.

Step 1:

Every school system in the State is required to have a Regional Budget Meeting where the Citizens will vote on each of 11 expense articles. A final budget will be adopted at the end of this meeting. **The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2019 starting at 6:00 P.M. at Oceanside High School.**

Step 2:

There will be a District wide referendum to validate the budget approved on May 23, 2019. **The referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019,** and voting will be in each town at the town's designated polling place. The referendum question will be a "Yes" or "No" question simply asking, "Do you approve the budget that was adopted at the Regional Budget Meeting on May 23, 2019?" The law change does not allow for the amount of the adopted budget to be included on the ballot. The School District will have printed material about the budget available at the polling places.

**RSU # 13 Regional Budget Meeting
Oceanside High School, 400 Broadway, Rockland
Thursday, May 23, 2019. Starting at 6:00 P.M. in the auditorium**

**Referendum Vote
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – Town Polls**

