

**WARRANT TO CALL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Peter Wagner, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, 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 Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Durham Community School, 654 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 24, 2023 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 \$17,072,759

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

School Board Recommends \$5,366,821

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

School Board Recommends \$272,017

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

School Board Recommends \$1,044,071

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

School Board Recommends \$3,867,554

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

School Board Recommends \$1,074,251

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

School Board Recommends \$2,067,029

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

School Board Recommends \$1,551,608

- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Board Recommends \$5,219,819
- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$1,139,395
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
School Board Recommends \$293,245

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 Durham	\$ 8,787,078.61	Town of Durham	\$ 3,274,273.67
Town of Freeport	\$ 14,149,714.86	Town of Freeport	\$ 13,777,482.83
Town of Pownal	\$ 2,645,701.89	Town of Pownal	\$ 2,002,597.17
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 25,582,495.36	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 19,054,353.67

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. [Note: The above appropriations are determined in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688(1); the amounts to be raised reflect the required local contribution in accordance with the RSU Reorganization Plan.]

- 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 \$122,377

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, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends **\$11,197,605.04**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$11,677,082.04**. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: The State's Essential Program and Services funding formula is a minimum model to support education in grades preK-12. RSU No. 5 provides additional funds to support lower student/teacher ratios and additional co-curricular activities in addition to complete educational programs for all our students.

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.

[Note: The additional local funds reflect the adjustment to the required local contribution in Article 12 in accordance with the RSU Reorganization Plan.]

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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 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, local funds for non-state-funded school construction debt services, 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 \$38,968,569

**ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$251,284** for adult education and raise **\$112,000** 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 17 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE TRACK AND FIELD
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

ARTICLE 17: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$35,000.00** from available fund balances to the Track and Field Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend said reserve funds upon express authorization of the RSU voters or as permitted by law?

**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE TENNIS COURT
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

ARTICLE 18: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$40,000.00** from available fund balances to the Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend said reserve funds upon express authorization of the RSU voters or as permitted by law?

**ARTICLE 19 TRANSFERS FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE TO THE FUEL COST
STABILIZATION FUND**

ARTICLE 19: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$150,000.00** from available fund balances, as needed, to the fuel cost stabilization fund?

Statutory Disclosure Statement relating to Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund: The fuel cost stabilization fund balance is currently \$100,000.00. If this article is approved as written, the fuel cost stabilization fund balance may be increased to \$250,000.00. The amount used from the fuel cost stabilization fund in the last three years through the date this article was prepared is as follows:

Fiscal year 2022-2023	\$ - 0 -
Fiscal year 2021-2022:	\$ - 0 -
Fiscal year 2020-2021:	\$ - 0 -

**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES THE
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

ARTICLE 20: Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 be approved in the amount of **\$3,729,065?**

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 21: 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?


ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS


ARTICLE 22: 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 2023-2024 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?


**ARTICLE 23 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATE
SUBSIDY RECEIVED**

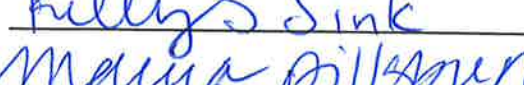
ARTICLE 23: In the event that the Regional School Unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or 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?


Given under our hand this day, April 12, 2023 at Pownal, Maine.







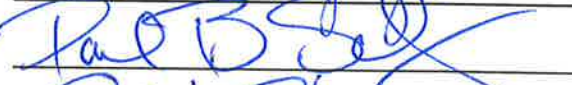









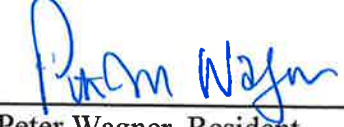






A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Peter Wagner, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 5