

July 16, 2015

VOTES TO BE ADOPTED BY THE  
SCHOOL BOARD  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13  
AT MEETING ON  
July 16, 2015

VOTED: That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 13 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for July 23, 2015 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

FURTHER VOTED: That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for August 18, 2014 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

FURTHER VOTED: That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on July 23, 2015, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the August 18, 2015 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum.

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

TO: Karen S. Littlefield, 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 East High School, 400 Broadway Street in the City of Rockland, Maine at 6:00 p.m. on July 23, 2015 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 \$9,973,799.00**

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

**School Board Recommends \$4,253,874.04**

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

**School Board Recommends \$836,684.83**

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

**School Board Recommends \$556,046.35**

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

**School Board Recommends \$2,685,087.63**

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

**School Board Recommends \$622,612.16**

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

**School Board Recommends \$1,410,384.95**

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

**School Board Recommends \$1,265,956.09**

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

**School Board Recommends \$2,943,826.94**

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

**School Board Recommends \$434,363.61**

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

**School Board Recommends \$258,000.00**

**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 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	<b>\$2,243,915.90</b>	Town of Cushing	<b>\$2,243,772.33</b>
Town of Owls Head	<b>\$1,717,396.22</b>	Town of Owls Head	<b>\$1,717,396.22</b>
City of Rockland	<b>\$7,909,573.55</b>	City of Rockland	<b>\$6,304,042.83</b>
Town of South Thomaston	<b>\$1,933,176.18</b>	Town of South Thomaston	<b>\$1,933,176.18</b>
Town of Thomaston	<b><u>\$3,989,409.96</u></b>	Town of Thomaston	<b><u>\$2,676,533.17</u></b>
<b>Regional School Unit</b>		<b>Regional School Unit</b>	
<b>Total Appropriated</b>	<b><u>\$17,793,471.81</u></b>	<b>Total Raised</b>	<b><u>\$14,874,920.73</u></b>

*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 \$327,773.61**

*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 \$5,667,065.18** ), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$5,290,917.21** ) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends **\$5,667,065.18** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$5,290,917.21** : 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, operating two high schools and offering a broad level of academic programming.

*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 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, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 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 \$25,240,635.60**

#### **ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 16:** 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 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if Regional School Unit No. 13 will appropriate **\$143,087.70** for adult education and raise **\$95,087.70** 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 hand this day, July 16, 2015 at Rockland, Maine, Maine.

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Steven Roberts, Chair

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Ronald Gamage

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Christine Curtis, Vice Chair

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Nancy Jeffers

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Loren Andrews

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Esther Kilgour

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Carol Bachofner

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Noreen Mullaney

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Sally Carleton

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Donald Robishaw

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

A true copy of the Warrant, attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Karen S. Littlefield, Resident  
Regional School Unit No. 13

RSU # 13 - Budget Information  
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

**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, July 23, 2015 starting at 6:00 P.M. at Oceanside High School – East.**

**Step 2:**

There will be a District wide referendum to validate the budget approved on July 23, 2015. **The referendum will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015**, 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 July 23, 2015?” 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 - East  
Thursday, July 23, 2015. Starting at 6:00 P.M. in the gymnasium**

**Referendum Vote  
Tuesday, August 18, 2015 – Town Polls**

RETURN

Knox County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2015

I certify that I have notified the voters of Regional School Unit No. 13 (the “Regional School Unit”) of the time and place of the Regional School Unit No. 13 budget meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant as follows:

	TIME(S)	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)
Town of Cushing			
Town of Owls Head			
City of Rockland			
Town of South Thomaston			
Town of Thomaston			

being at least seven days prior to the Regional School Unit budget meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said municipalities.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Karen S. Littlefield, Resident of  
Regional School Unit No. 13

NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED AT BUDGET MEETING  
 REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13  
 INFORMATION FOR VOTERS AT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM

TO: Municipal Clerks 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 and pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. §1486(2) you are hereby directed to display this Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting at the polling places within your respective municipalities to assist the voters of Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "Regional School Unit") in voting at the budget validation referendum to be held on August 18, 2015 for the purpose of determining if the Regional School Unit budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year that was adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting on July 23, 2015 should be approved.

Cost Center Summary Budget Category	Amount Recommended by School Board	Amount Approved by Voters at the Budget Meeting*
Regular Instruction	<b>\$9,973,799.00</b>	\$
Special Education	<b>\$4,253,874.04</b>	\$
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Debt Service and Other Commitments	<b>\$434,363.61</b>	\$
All Other Expenditures	<b>\$258,000.00</b>	\$
Summary of Total Authorized General Fund Expenditures:	<b>\$25,240,635.60</b>	\$ _____

\*Amounts to be completed by Superintendent of Schools under authority of School Board

The amount approved at the Regional School Unit budget meeting includes locally raised funds that exceed the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. §15671-A(5).

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July 23, 2015

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 John McDonald, Superintendent of Schools