

**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, St. George 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, St. George and Thomaston, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Rockland District High School, 400 Broadway Street in the City of Rockland, Maine at 6:00 p.m. on May 27, 2014 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 \$10,937,537 - Adjusted to \$10,979,537 by the School Board on June 26, 2014 based upon a budget increase at the RSU 13 Budget Meeting and voter referendum approval.

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

School Board Recommends \$4,259,693

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

School Board Recommends \$951,336

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

School Board Recommends \$608,245

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

School Board Recommends \$2,631,056 - Adjusted to \$2,661,056 by the School Board on June 26, 2014 based upon a budget increase at the RSU 13 Budget Meeting and voter referendum approval.

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

School Board Recommends \$702,246

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

School Board Recommends \$1,442,522

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

School Board Recommends \$1,376,241

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

School Board Recommends \$3,240,307

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

School Board Recommends \$784,802

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

School Board Recommends \$170,000

**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:**

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| Total Appropriated (by municipality): | Total raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality): |
| Town of Cushing: \$2,274,053 | Town of Cushing: \$2,168,572 |
| Town of Owls Head: \$1,802,491 | Town of Owls Head: \$1,802,491 |
| City of Rockland: \$8,176,175 | City of Rockland: \$6,262,312 |
| Town of South Thomaston: \$2,030,943 | Town of South Thomaston: \$2,030,943 |
| Town of St. George: \$2,936,174 | Town of St. George: \$2,936,174 |
| Town of Thomaston: \$3,822,558 | Town of Thomaston: \$2,624,197 |
| School Regional School Unit Total Appropriated | School Regional School Unit Total Raised: |
| (Sum of above) \$21,042,395 | (Sum of above) \$17,824,691 |

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 \$453,647

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 \$5,253,021**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$5,572,599**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends \$5,253,021 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$5,572,599: 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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 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 \$27,103,985 -

Adjusted to \$27,175,985 by the School Board on June 26, 2014 based upon a budget increase at the RSU 13 Budget Meeting and voter referendum approval.

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 **\$157,092** for adult education and raise **\$80,000** 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 18 AUTHORIZES THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION REGIONAL DAY PROGRAMS BUDGET

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Regional Vocational Budget, as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board, for the year beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 be approved in the amount of **\$2,869,834**?

ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Career and Technical Education Region 8 appropriate **\$64,000** for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its Adult Education Program, and shall Regional School Unit No. 13 raise **\$21,216** as its share of the adult education budget for the Career and Technical Education Region 8?