

**WARRANT TO CALL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 57 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Jessica Carll, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 57 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the Towns of Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, and Waterboro, 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 Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, and Waterboro, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Massabesic Middle School, 134 Old Alfred Rd, East Waterboro, Maine at 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2024 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:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend \$19,525,926 for Regular Instruction?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$19,525,926)
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend \$9,039,317 for Special Education?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$9,039,317)
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend \$92,000 for Career and Technical Education?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$92,000)
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend \$1,145,790 for Other Instruction?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$1,145,790)
- ARTICLE 5:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend \$5,054,926 for Student and Staff Support?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$5,054,926)
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend \$1,299,617 for System Administration?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$1,299,617)
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend \$2,401,955 for School Administration?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$2,401,955)

- ARTICLE 8:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$4,624,555** for Transportation and Buses?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$4,624,555)
- ARTICLE 9:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$7,845,247** for Facilities Maintenance?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$7,845,247)
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$1,303,072** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$1,303,072)
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$220,000** for All Other Expenditures?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$220,000)

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 15
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

- ARTICLE 12:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 appropriate **\$39,165,728.17** for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall Regional School Unit No. 57 raise **\$23,058,278.85** 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 Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):	
Town of Alfred	\$ 4,938,798.32	Town of Alfred	\$ 2,748,846.60
Town of Limerick	\$ 5,686,863.73	Town of Limerick	\$ 2,977,515.55
Town of Lyman	\$ 6,509,344.02	Town of Lyman	\$ 4,184,847.03
Town of Newfield	\$ 2,534,022.62	Town of Newfield	\$ 1,769,100.33
Town of Shapleigh	\$ 4,276,897.51	Town of Shapleigh	\$ 3,562,780.78
Town of Waterboro	\$ 15,219,801.97	Town of Waterboro	\$ 7,815,188.56
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 39,165,728.17	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 23,058,278.85

(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

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.

[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 cost sharing formula under Private and Special Law 1965, Chapter 93 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1481-A(2).]

ARTICLE 13: Shall Regional Unit No. 57 raise and appropriate **\$51,425** 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 kindergarten to grade 12.
(The Board of Directors recommends \$51,425)

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: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 raise and appropriate **\$220,000** to transfer to the school nutrition program?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$220,000)

ARTICLE 15: **(Written ballot required.)** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 raise and appropriate **\$9,531,612.15** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$9,531,612.15** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors Recommends \$9,531,612.15, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$9,531,612.15. The Board of Directors gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: This amount is needed to cover costs of RSU schools that the state's funding model does not recognize including the following: 1) costs of special education programming, 2) costs of career and technical education, 3) transportation costs, 4) costs of student and staff support, 5) instructional costs for teachers and educational technicians, and 6) facilities and maintenance costs.

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: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 authorize the Board of Directors to expend **\$52,552,405** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 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, local funds for 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?
(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

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

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$455,050** for adult education and raise **\$146,600** 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.
(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 18: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Board of Directors 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?
(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

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

ARTICLE 19: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 authorize the Board of Directors to transfer **\$1,000,000** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the Board of Directors, upon two-thirds majority vote, to expend amounts available from the Capital Reserve Fund for capital improvements or emergency repairs to district facilities and equipment?
(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO PURCHASE LAND ABUTTING MASSABESIC HIGH SCHOOL

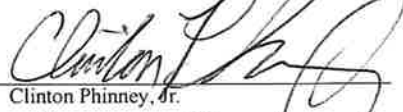
ARTICLE 20: Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to expend \$21,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to purchase an approximately 7.3 acre parcel of land located next to Massabesic High School in the Town of Waterboro (Tax Map 1, Lot 40)?

*(The Board of Directors recommends a **Yes** vote.)*

Given under our hand this day, April 10, 2024 at Waterboro, Maine.



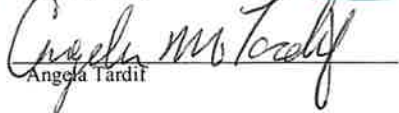
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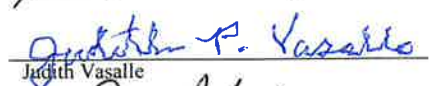
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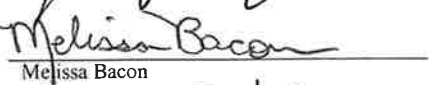
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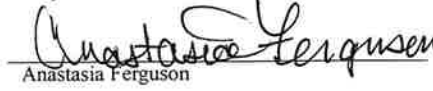


Melissa Bacon

Eric Garrison



Dominic Vermette



Anastasia Ferguson




Mark Carisano

Vacant

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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 57

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Jessica Carll, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 57