

**WARRANT TO CALL  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 40 BUDGET MEETING  
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Karen Overlock, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 40 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the Towns of Friendship, Union, Waldoboro, Warren, and Washington, 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 Friendship, Union, Waldoboro, Warren, and Washington, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Medomak Valley High School, 320 Manktown Road, Waldoboro, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 14, 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:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$13,969,708.94**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$8,518,477.92**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$92,970.15**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$638,323.08**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$3,105,148.07**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,243,741.96**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$2,107,384.34**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.  
**School Board Recommends \$2,575,232.76**

- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.  
**School Board Recommends \$4,214,383.59**
- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,229,510.00**
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.  
**School Board Recommends \$0.00**

**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 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:**

<b>Total Appropriated (by municipality):</b>		<b>Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):</b>	
Town of Friendship	\$ 2,085,770.28	Town of Friendship	\$ 1,383,874
Town of Union	\$ 3,326,171.54	Town of Union	\$ 1,665,699
Town of Waldoboro	\$ 9,844,203.64	Town of Waldoboro	\$ 4,016,353
Town of Warren	\$ 8,295,677.22	Town of Warren	\$ 3,052,337
Town of Washington	\$ 2,783,660.58	Town of Washington	\$ 1,185,167
<b>Total Appropriated (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 26,335,483.26</b>	<b>Total Raised (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 11,303,429</b>

*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.*

- 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 \$83,904.00**

*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 \$10,318,840.55**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$10,318,840.55**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$10,318,840.55, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$10,318,840.55. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining the smaller K-6 elementary schools in the District and recognizes that the EPS model does not provide adequate funding for smaller rural schools.

*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.*

#### **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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 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 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 \$37,694,880.81**

#### **ARTICLE 16 RAISES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate **\$55,000.00** for the school nutrition program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program.

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

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$138,583.00** for adult education and raise **\$57,056.00** 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 18 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 18:** 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 19 AUTHORIZES THE  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the Region 8 Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 be approved in the amount of **\$6,097,007.00**?

Local share from Regional School Unit No. 40 is: **\$92,970.15**

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

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the career and technical education region will appropriate **\$245,082.00** for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and raise **\$93,000.00** 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.

Local share from Regional School Unit No. 40 is: **\$27,233.75**

**ARTICLE 21 ESTABLISHES THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER  
TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for capital maintenance and improvements to school facilities and acquisition of capital equipment; to transfer up to **\$1,000,000.00** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend from the Capital Reserve Funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

**ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES CONTINGENCY FUND TRANSFERS**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the RSU authorize the School Board to transfer the RSU's unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the prior fiscal year's budget, as determined by audit, to the previously established non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A; and shall the RSU delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the RSU's general fund for use in school operating budgets approved by RSU voters?

**ARTICLE 23 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS**

**ARTICLE 23:** 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 2024-2025 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

Given under our hand this day, May 2, 2024 at Union, Maine

<u>Jeannette Wheeler</u>	<u>Sandra O'Farrell</u>
<u>Emily Trask-Eaton</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>Bruce Sumner</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	
<u>Ed [Signature]</u>	
<u>J. Hamethy</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u>	
<u>Lichole Taylor</u>	

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 40

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

Karen Overlock  
 Karen Overlock, Resident  
 Regional School Unit No. 40