**WARRANT TO CALL**

**Regional School Unit No. 9**

**BUDGET MEETING**

**(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Richard E. Joseph Jr., a resident of Regional School Unit No. 9 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the Towns of Chesterville, Farmington, Industry, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Starks, Temple, Vienna, Weld and Wilton, 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 Chesterville, Farmington, Industry, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Starks, Temple, Vienna, Weld and Wilton, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Mt. Blue Campus, 129 Seamon Road, Farmington, Maine, Maine at 7:00 P.M. on May 31, 2017 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles for the 2017-2018 fiscal year set forth below.

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| **ARTICLE** **1A:** | | | To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.  Motion to nominate Ron Aseltine: Robert Condon Seconded: From the floor  Motion to nominate Paul Mills: Ruby Tracy Seconded: From the floor Paul Mills respectively declined.  WrittenVote: Motion to elect Ron Aseltine as moderator carries. | | | | | |
| **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 $10,340,161.00**  Motion to approve: Angie LeClair Seconded: Tami Labul  Motion to amend Article 1 to reduce the total amount to $10,201,661 (the current year’s amount): Nancy Porter Seconded: From the floor  Vote: Amendment defeated  Motion to amend Article 1 to reduce the total amount to $10,270,911: Bill Reid Seconded: From the floor  Vote: Amendment defeated  **Vote on original motion to recommend $10,340,161: Motion Carries**  Motion to return to the $10,270,911 amended vote: Elaine Graham  Seconded: From the floor  Vote (by show of hands): 84/166 Motion fails. | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 2:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  Special Education. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $5,205,133.00**  Motion to approve: Richard Hargreaves Seconded: Helen Wilkey  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE** **3:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  Career and Technical Education. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $1,642,513.00**  Motion to approve: Helen Wilkey Seconded: Richard Hargreaves  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE** **4:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  Other Instruction. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $451,029.00**  Motion to approve: Nancy Crosby Seconded: Helen Wilkey  Motion to amend Article 4 to reduce the total to $437,440: Bill Reid  Seconded: From the floor  Vote: Amendment defeated.  **Vote on the original motion of $451,029.00: Motion carries.** | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE** **5:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  Student and Staff Support. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $2,428,998.00**  Motion to approve: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Nancy Crosby  Motion to amend the Article 5 to reduce the amount to $2,224,971: Chuck Smith Seconded: From the floor  Vote: Amendment defeated.  **Vote on the original motion of $2,428,998.00: Motion carries.** | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE** **6:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  System Administration. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $1,000,503.00**  Motion to approve: Iris Silverstein Seconded: Doug Dunlap  Vote: Motion carries. | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE** **7:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  School Administration. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $1,342,858.00**  Motion to approve: Richard Hargreaves Seconded: Jennifer Pooler  Vote: Motion carries. | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 8:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  Transportation and Buses. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $2,099,934.00**  Motion to approve: Jennifer Pooler Seconded: Iris Silverstein  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 9:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  Facilities Maintenance. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $3,518,415.00**  Motion to approve: Angie LeClair Seconded: Tami Labul  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 10:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  Debt Service and Other Commitments. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $5,867,728.00**  Motion to approve: Tami Labul Seconded: Griffin Mayhew  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 11:** | | | To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for  All Other Expenditures. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $0.00**  Motion to approve: Nancy Crosby Seconded: Jennifer Pooler  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | |
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| **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 Chesterville | $ | 2,244,584.51 | Town of Chesterville | $ | 769,588.33 |
|  | | | Town of Farmington | $ | 11,590,974.56 | Town of Farmington | $ | 3,687,253.83 |
|  | | | Town of Industry | $ | 1,523,379.07 | Town of Industry | $ | 673,286.17 |
|  | | | Town of New Sharon | $ | 2,927,053.85 | Town of New Sharon | $ | 813,525.33 |
|  | | | Town of New Vineyard | $ | 1,275,031.39 | Town of New Vineyard | $ | 574,773.33 |
|  | | | Town of Starks | $ | 620,972.10 | Town of Starks | $ | 334,916.00 |
|  | | | Town of Temple | $ | 942,735.82 | Town of Temple | $ | 339,199.17 |
|  | | | Town of Vienna | $ | 667,570.83 | Town of Vienna | $ | 560,680.33 |
|  | | | Town of Weld | $ | 365,072.27 | Town of Weld | $ | 329,210.80 |
|  | | | Town of Wilton | $ | 7,654,599.00 | Town of Wilton | $ | 2,246,175.50 |
|  | | | **Total Appropriated**  **(sum of above)** | **$** | 29,811,973.40 | **Total Raised**  **(sum of above)** | **$** | 10,328,608.79 |
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|  | | | Motion to approve: Doug Dunlap Seconded: Angie LeClair  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | |
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| **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 kindergarten to grade 12. | | | | | |
|  | | | **School Board Recommends $690,302.00** | | | | | |
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|  | | | Motion to approve: Iris Silverstein Seconded: Scott Erb  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 14:** | | | **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds **(Recommend $2,497,996.85),** which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **(Recommend $1,980,485.39)** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board. | | | | | |
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|  | The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by$1,980,485.39: EPS does not fully support all of the necessary costs of a comprehensive K-12 educational program, such as (1) athletics/co-curricular program costs; (2) transportation for rural school systems and athletics/co-curricular programs; (3) special education costs, (4) system administration costs, and (5) costs of maintaining class size smaller than are recognized by the Essential Programs and Services funding model. | | | | | | |
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|  | Motion to approve: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Betsey Hyde  Vote: 168/14 Motion carries. | | | | | | |
| **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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, 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 $33,897,272.00**  Motion to approve: Scott Erb Seconded: Cherieann Harrison  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF**  **GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS** | | | | | | | |
| **ARTICLE 16:** | In addition to amounts approved in the preceding questions, 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?  Motion to approve: Angie LeClair Seconded: Betsey Hyde  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM  AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE** | | | | | | | |
| **ARTICLE 17:** | To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **$420,991** for adult education and raise **$167,724** 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.  Motion to approve: Cherieann Harrison Seconded: Betsey Hyde  Vote: Motion carries | | | | | | |
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| **ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF**  **ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED** | | | | | | | |
| **ARTICLE 18:** | 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 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?  Motion to approve: Scott Erb Seconded: Betsey Hyde  Vote: Motion carries  Motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. | | | | | | |