

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: Jennifer Colby, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 13: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of Cushing of the Public Hearing described in this Notice of Public Hearing.

**TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF CUSHING:** Take notice that the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13 shall conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with the following schedule:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
May 24, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Oceanside High School Auditorium, 400 Broadway

The Public Hearing shall be conducted on the following question which will be the subject of a referendum vote on June 14, 2022.

Question 1: Do you favor authorizing the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13 (the "RSU") to issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness in the name of the RSU in an amount not to exceed \$5,142,592 through the State of Maine's zero interest rate/loan forgiveness School Revolving Renovation Fund (SRRF) Program for renovations to school buildings described below (the "Project")?

SRRF Program Funding

The Project costs (up to \$5,142,592) have been approved for funding through Maine's SRRF Program. Of this amount, the RSU will receive 32.64% (up to \$1,678,542) that will be forgiven, and 67.36% (up to \$3,464,050) that the RSU will repay at zero interest (0%) over a term of ten years.

Project Description

The Project includes the following renovations:

South School: ADA compliance; exterior window replacements; new security doors

Thomaston Grammar School: ADA compliance; indoor air quality improvements; exterior window replacements

Oceanside High School: ADA compliance; exterior window replacements; asbestos abatement

Oceanside Middle School: ADA compliance; exterior door replacements

Given under our hand this day, May 5, 2022 at Rockland, Maine.

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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 13  
A true copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, attest:

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Jennifer Colby, Resident of  
Regional School Unit No. 13

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

TO: Jennifer Colby, 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 the Regional School Unit, 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 High School Auditorium, 400 Broadway, Rockland, Maine at 6:00 p.m., or immediately following a public hearing on a minor capital project referendum, on May 24, 2022 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 \$12,642,100**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$8,379,100**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$41,500**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$681,900**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$2,852,200**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$836,500**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,874,500**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,835,300**

*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 \$10,636,802.83**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$10,636,802.83**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$10,636,802.83, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$10,636,802.83. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: 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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 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 \$35,320,500**

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

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate **\$300,000** 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 23 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO FUEL COST STABILIZATION FUND**

**Article 23:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$50,000** to the fuel cost stabilization fund from year end available fund balances?

**Statutory Disclosure Statement relating to Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund:** The fuel cost stabilization fund balance is currently **\$50,000**. If this article is approved as written, the fuel cost stabilization fund balance will be **\$100,000**. The amount used from the fuel cost stabilization fund in the last three years through the date this article was prepared is as follows:

Fiscal year 2021-2022: \$ 0  
Fiscal year 2020-2021: \$ 0  
Fiscal year 2019-2020: \$ 0

**ARTICLE 24 AUTHORIZES THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the regional career and technical operating budget as approved by the Region 8 cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 be approved in the amount of **\$5,579,615.00**

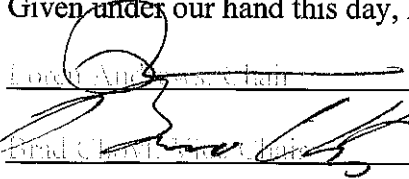
Local share from Regional School Unit No. 13 is **\$41,415.37**.

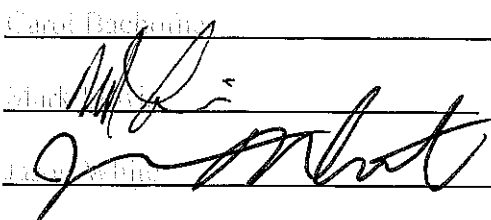
**ARTICLE 25 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

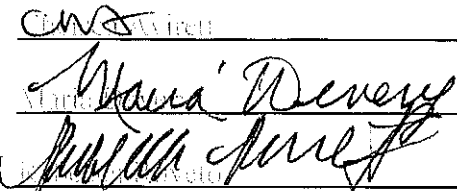
**ARTICLE 25:** To see if Region 8 will appropriate **\$224,430.00** for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and raise **\$89,500.00** as the local share with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program.

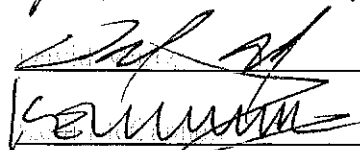
Local share from Regional School Unit No. 13 is **\$22,959.66**.

Given under our hand this day, May 5, 2022 at Rockland, Maine.

  
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Brad Clavin, Treasurer


  
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Carol Bachman, Secretary

  
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Maria Devere, Superintendent

  
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[unclear], School Director

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

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

  
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Jennifer Colby, Resident  
Regional School Unit No. 13