

**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 "RSU") 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 RSU, namely, the City of Rockland and the Towns of Cushing, Owls Head, South Thomaston, and Thomaston, that a RSU Budget Meeting will be held at Oceanside High School, 400 Broadway, Rockland, Maine at 6:00 p.m. on May 15, 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 RSU will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$13,874,222.51
- ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$9,866,110.13
- ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$81,902.28
- ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$793,667.74
- ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends \$3,244,665.74
- ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends \$990,650.55
- ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Board Recommends \$1,945,842.71
- ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends \$1,788,714.07

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Board Recommends \$4,050,805.44

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$2,400,601.09

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the RSU 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 RSU 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 RSU 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:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (and RSU assessments by municipality):	
Town of Cushing	\$ \$3,062,800.81	Town of Cushing	\$ \$2,285,444.66
Town of Owls Head	\$ \$2,502,532.37	Town of Owls Head	\$ \$2,502,532.37
City of Rockland	\$ \$9,970,443.81	City of Rockland	\$ \$5,992,534.34
Town of South Thomaston	\$ \$2,908,726.99	Town of South Thomaston	\$ \$2,070,405.00
Town of Thomaston	\$ \$4,900,014.42	Town of Thomaston	\$ \$2,681,651.66
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ \$23,344,518.40	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ \$15,532,568.03

Explanation: The RSU'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 RSU must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the RSU will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the RSU 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 RSU's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12.
School Board Recommends \$2,400,601.09

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the RSU'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 RSU voters.

ARTICLE 14: **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the RSU will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$10,128,062.77**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$10,128,062.77**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$10,128,062.77, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$10,128,062.77. 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 RSU'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 RSU budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the RSU will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 from the RSU'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, 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 \$39,037,182.26

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the RSU 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 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the RSU will appropriate **\$393,798.76** for adult education and raise **\$292,109.51** 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 TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS

ARTICLE 19: 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?

**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES THE
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

ARTICLE 20: Shall the regional career and technical 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**?

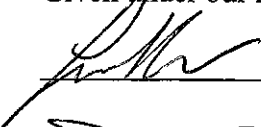
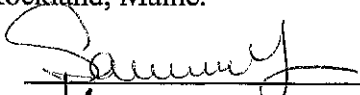
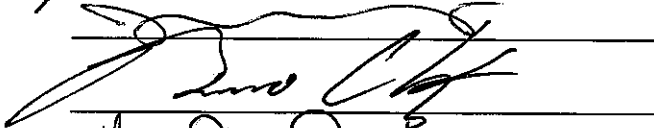
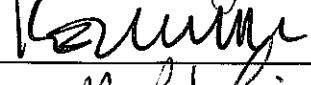

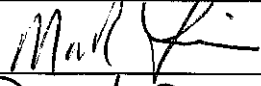
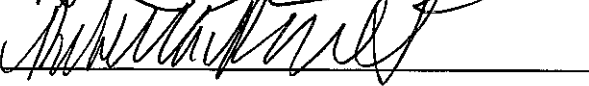
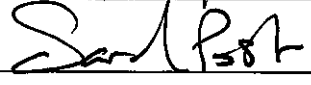
Local share from Regional School Unit No. 13 is **\$81,902.28**.

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE
CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 21: To see if Region 8 will appropriate **\$245,082** for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and raise **\$93,000** 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 **\$23,991.63**.

Given under our hand this day, May 1, 2024 at Rockland, Maine.

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

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Jennifer Colpy, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 13