

**WARRANT TO CALL  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5  
BUDGET MEETING  
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Kim Best, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the Towns of Durham, Freeport and Pownal, 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 Durham, Freeport and Pownal, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Freeport High School, 30 Holbrook Street, Freeport, Maine, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 24, 2017 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles for the 2017-2018 fiscal year 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 Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$3,137,669**
- ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,537,851**
- ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.  
**School Board Recommends \$4,825,085**
- ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$574,091**
- ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.  
**School Board Recommends \$374,829**
- ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$12,572,199**
- ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$760,097**
- ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$841,731**
- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,486,226**

- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,644,542**
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$4,379,996**

**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:**

<b>Total Appropriated (by municipality):</b>		<b>Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):</b>	
Town of	\$	Town of	\$
Durham	7,621,675.54	Durham	2,928,166.17
Town of	\$	Town of	\$
Freeport	11,560,225.09	Freeport	11,560,225.09
Town of Pownal	\$ 2,056,213.77	Town of Pownal	\$ 1,745,183.17
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	
<b>Appropriated</b>		<b>Raised</b>	
<b>(sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 21,238,114.40</b>	<b>(sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 16,233,574.33</b>

*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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where applicable, town contributions are adjusted per Reorganization Plan Section 13-B.*

- 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 \$372,490**

*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:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local dollars in support of the school nutrition program.  
**School Board Recommends \$373,429**

**ARTICLE 15:** **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$8,518,194**), which allow this budget to exceed the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$7,615,841.15**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends **\$8,518,194**, for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$7,615,841.15**. The State's Essential Program and Services funding formula is a minimum model to support education in grades K-12. RSU No. 5 provides additional funds to support lower student/teacher ratios and additional co-curricular activities in addition to complete educational programs for all our students.

*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:** 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 \$32,134,317**

#### **ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED**

**ARTICLE 17:** In the event that the RSU receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all of the additional state subsidy to 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?  
**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote**

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

**ARTICLE 18:** 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?

**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote**

**ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM  
AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Regional School Unit appropriate \$237,229 for adult education with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program and raise \$103,000 as the local share?

**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote**

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

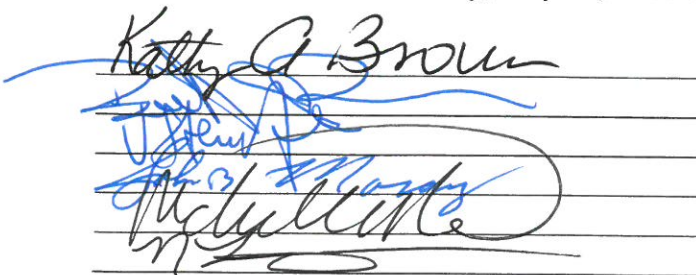
**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 be approved in the amount of \$2,302,837?

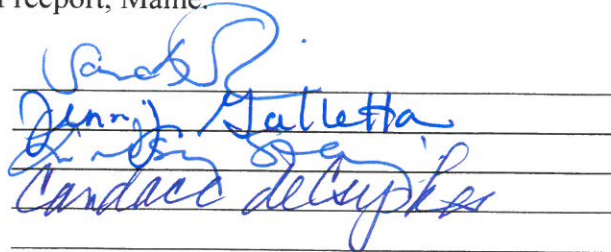
**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM  
THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$922,000 from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend up to \$1,031,708 from said Capital Reserve Fund to fund a portion of the total track and field project costs previously authorized by the voters, as well as to fund costs of maintenance of plant and remodeling under authority of 20-A MRSA §4001?

**School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote**

Given under our hand this day, May 10, 2017 at Freeport, Maine.

Handwritten signatures of school board members in blue ink, including "Kathy A Brown" and others, over horizontal lines.

Handwritten signatures of school board members in blue ink, including "Dennis Galletta" and "Cardace deLupher", over horizontal lines.

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

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Kim Best, Resident  
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

I certify that I have notified the voters of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") of the time and place of the Regional School Unit budget meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant as follows:

	TIME(S)	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)
Town of Durham			
Town of Freeport			
Town of Pownal			

being at least seven days prior to the Regional School Unit budget meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said municipalities.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Kim Best, Resident of  
Regional School Unit No. 5