

**WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION CALLING
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 71
BUDGET REFERENDUM
(20-A M.R.S. §§ 1486 & 1501; Executive Order #56 FY 19/20)**

TO: Robyn Harwood, a resident Regional School Unit No. 71 (the "Regional School Unit") composed of the City of Belfast and the Towns of Belmont, Morrill, Searsmont, and Swanville, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby ordered to serve upon the municipal clerks of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the City of Belfast and the Towns of Belmont, Morrill, Searsmont, and Swanville, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election. Service shall be in hand within three (3) days of the date of this warrant and notice of election. The municipal clerks of the above municipalities shall immediately notify the respective Municipal Officers. The Municipal Officers shall meet forthwith and countersign this warrant and notice of election. The Municipal Officers shall provide below for the respective municipal clerks to post or have posted this warrant and notice of election.

**CITY OF BELFAST
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET REFERENDUM
WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Waldo County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Amy Flood, Municipal Clerk of Belfast: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of this municipality of the election described in this warrant and notice of election.

TO THE VOTERS OF BELFAST: You are hereby notified that a Regional School Unit Budget Referendum election will be held at the following location(s) in the City of Belfast:

[Municipal Clerk is instructed to fill in polling location(s), below.]

- Ward 1: The Crosby Center @ 96 Church Street, Belfast
- Ward 2: The Crosby Center @ 96 Church Street, Belfast
- Ward 3: The Crosby Center @ 96 Church Street, Belfast
- Ward 4: The Crosby Center @ 96 Church Street, Belfast
- Ward 5: The Methodist Church @ 23 Mill Lane, Belfast

The Regional School Unit Budget Referendum election will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 for the purpose of determining the following question(s):

Question 1: **School Budget.** Shall Regional School Unit No. 71 appropriate the sum of **\$28,268,293.67** and raise the sum of **\$15,508,779.71** for the 2020-2021 school budget?

School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1:

The Regional School Unit No. 71 school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals **\$28,268,293.67**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$15,508,779.71**, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the RSU’s cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the maximum state and local spending target by **\$4,038,169.59**. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$ 9,160,906.25
Special Education	\$ 6,000,389.00
Career and Technical Education	\$ 11,234.00
Other Instruction	\$ 645,424.00
Student and Staff Support	\$ 2,781,779.00
System Administration	\$ 717,693.00
School Administration	\$ 1,672,029.00
Transportation and Buses	\$ 1,927,908.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 3,520,477.00
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 1,830,454.42
All Other Expenditures	\$ 0.00
Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:	\$ 28,268,293.67

Question 2: **School Nutrition Program.** Shall Regional School Unit No. 71 be authorized to appropriate up to **\$98,825.73** from available fund balances to transfer to 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?

School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 2:

Approval by the voters of Question 2 will not increase local assessments.

Question 3: **Adult Education Program.** Shall Regional School Unit No. 71 be authorized to appropriate **\$371,242.00** for adult education and raise **\$259,932.00** 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?

School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 3:

Approval by the voters of Question 3 will increase local assessments as follows: Belfast: \$171,191.22; Belmont: \$14,504.20; Morrill: \$14,218.28; Searsmont: \$34,674.93; Swanville: \$25,343.37.

Question 4: **CTE Region Budget.** Shall the Region 7 Waldo County Technical Center operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 be approved in the amount of **\$1,993,674.85**?

CTE Cooperative Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 4:

Approval by the voters of Question 4 will not increase local assessments.

Question 5: **CTE Region Adult Education Budget.** Shall the Region 7 Waldo County Technical Center approve a budget for adult education in the amount of **\$48,064.00** for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program?

CTE Cooperative Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 5:

Approval by the voters of Question 5 will not increase local assessments.

Question 6: **Capital Improvement Fund.** Shall the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 71 be authorized to (i) expend up to **\$500,000.00** from the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing and upgrading pool control units, operational panels and related computers, and (ii) in the event the Governor orders a curtailment of state subsidy pursuant to Title 5, Section 1668 of the Maine Revised Statutes, transfer up to **\$750,000.00** from the existing Capital Reserve Fund to the undesignated fund account to help offset the curtailment?

School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 6:

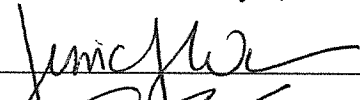

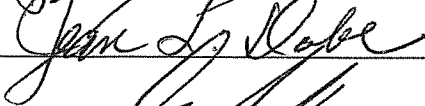
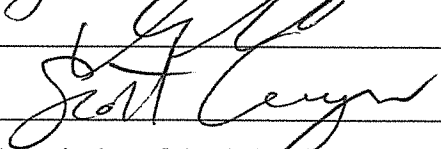
Approval by the voters of Question 6 will not increase local assessments.

The polls must be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

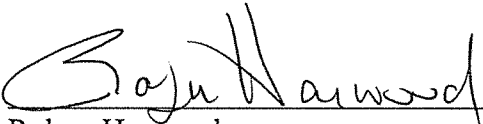
A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Dated as of this July 7, 2020.

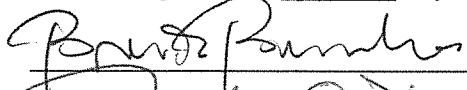
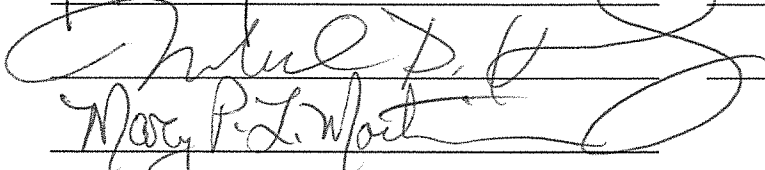
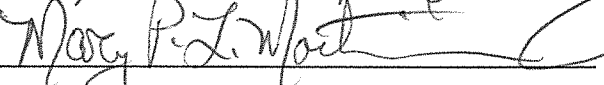





A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 71

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:



 Robyn Harwood
 Resident of Regional School Unit No. 71

Countersigned this 21st day of July, 2020 at Belfast, Maine.

A majority of the Municipal Officers of Belfast, Maine

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:


 Amy Flood, Municipal Clerk
 Belfast, Maine