

**WARRANT TO CALL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 71 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Robyn Harwood, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 71 (the "RSU") 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 required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the RSU, namely, the City of Belfast and the Towns of Belmont, Morrill, Searsmont, and Swanville, that a RSU Budget Meeting will be held at Belfast Area High School Band Room, 25 Lions Way, Belfast, Maine at 6:30 P.M. on May 22, 2023 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 \$9,356,366.53
- ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$6,529,723.06
- ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$0.00
- ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$784,661.00
- ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends \$2,941,477.00
- ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends \$800,879.16
- ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Board Recommends \$1,785,846.00
- ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends \$1,896,635.00

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board Recommends \$3,889,997.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Board Recommends \$1,302,881.25

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 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 kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20A, section 15688.

Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (and RSU assessments by municipality):	
City of Belfast	\$ 11,037,185.76	City of Belfast	\$ 6,094,335.67
Town of Belmont	\$ 1,920,478.42	Town of Belmont	\$ 551,559.33
Town of Morrill	\$ 2,049,994.35	Town of Morrill	\$ 509,623.17
Town of Searsmont	\$ 2,553,892.27	Town of Searsmont	\$ 1,297,814.00
Town of Swanville	\$ 2,675,313.45	Town of Swanville	\$ 923,292.67
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 20,236,864.25	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 9,376,624.84

Explanation: The RSU'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 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 kindergarten to grade 12.

School Board Recommends \$905,672.25

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 \$5,289,253.18**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$5,289,253.18**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$5,289,253.18, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$5,289,253.18. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: Essential Programs and Services funding model does not recognize all of the costs of the special education services, transportation services, and instructional services that the Regional School Unit provides.

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 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the RSU'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, local funds for non-state-funded school construction debt service, 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 \$29,288,466.00

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 16: To see if the RSU will appropriate **\$348,421.00** for adult education and raise **\$253,445.20** 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 17 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM
THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND**

ARTICLE 17: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer **\$250,000** from the MePERS Retirement Designated Account to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund and expend up to **\$250,000** from said Reserve Fund to pay unanticipated maintenance costs in the discretion of the School Board?

**ARTICLE 18 ESTABLISHES A CONTINGENCY FUND AND AUTHORIZES A
TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND**

ARTICLE 18: Shall the RSU authorize the School Board to establish a non-lapsing designated Contingency Fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A, and to transfer **\$250,000** from the MePERS Retirement Designated Account to the Contingency Fund; and shall the RSU delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the Contingency Fund for unanticipated expenses in any cost center when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists?

**ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 19: 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 20 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS

ARTICLE 20: 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 2023-2024 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES THE
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Region 7 Waldo County Technical Center operating budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 be approved in the amount of **\$2,265,608.06**

CTE Cooperative Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
Joint (3) RSU School Boards Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

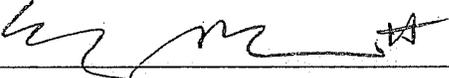
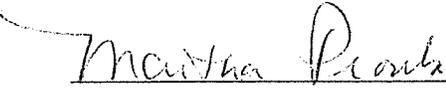
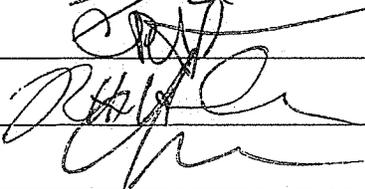
ARTICLE 22 ESTABLISHES NEW CTE PROGRAM RESERVE FUNDS, PROVIDES FOR ONGOING FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM RESERVE FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROGRAM RESERVE FUNDS

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Cooperative Board or Region 7 Waldo County Technical Center be authorized to establish new program Reserve Funds to support various CTE programs; to transfer cash donations for a program and revenues from the sale of surplus program property to the respective program Reserve Fund; and to expend from such Reserve Funds in the interest and for the well-being of the respective CTE programs?

The proposed new program Reserve Funds are:

- Culinary Arts Reserve Fund;
- Certified Nursing Assistant Reserve Fund;
- Building Construction Reserve Fund;
- Auto Technology Reserve Fund;
- Auto Collision/Composites Reserve Fund;
- Computer Careers Reserve Fund;
- Graphic Design Reserve Fund; Electrical Trades Reserve Fund;
- Small Engines/Diesel Tech Reserve Fund;
- Welding Technology Reserve Fund;
- ESP/Strive Reserve Fund; and
- CTE Exploratory Reserve Fund.

Given under our hand this day, May 8, 2023 at Belfast, Maine.

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

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

Robyn Harwood, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 71