

**WARRANT TO CALL  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 9 BUDGET MEETING  
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Richard Joseph, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 9 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the Towns of Chesterfield, Farmington, Industry, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Starks, Temple, Vienna, Weld, and Wilton, 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 Chesterfield, Farmington, Industry, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Starks, Temple, Vienna, Weld, and Wilton, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Mt. Blue Campus, 129 Seamon Road, Farmington, Maine at 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 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 Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$12,692,567**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$8,266,470**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$4,082,632**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$3,819,656**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$681,024**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,608,093**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,948,613**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**School Board Recommends \$2,927,159**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

**School Board Recommends \$5,187,663**

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

**School Board Recommends \$3,941,793**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

**School Board Recommends \$0**

**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 Chesterville	\$ 3,088,604.05	Town of Chesterville	\$ 781,160.00
Town of Farmington	\$ 12,443,100.02	Town of Farmington	\$ 3,579,103.00
Town of Industry	\$ 1,342,216.90	Town of Industry	\$ 738,240.34
Town of New Sharon	\$ 2,766,950.41	Town of New Sharon	\$ 778,843.00
Town of New Vineyard	\$ 1,454,170.01	Town of New Vineyard	\$ 603,854.34
Town of Starks	\$ 866,041.51	Town of Starks	\$ 408,233.34
Town of Temple	\$ 731,991.10	Town of Temple	\$ 346,667.34
Town of Vienna	\$ 1,122,704.19	Town of Vienna	\$ 546,922.34
Town of Weld	\$ 512,104.12	Town of Weld	\$ 485,910.25
Town of Wilton	\$ 8,379,348.58	Town of Wilton	\$ 1,979,931.66
<b>Total Appropriated (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 32,707,230.89</b>	<b>Total Raised (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 10,248,865.61</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.*

**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 \$197,930**

*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 \$4,433,773**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$4,433,773**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$4,433,773, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$4,433,773. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: EPS does not fully support all of the necessary costs of a comprehensive K-12 educational program, such as (1) athletics/co-curricular program costs; (2) transportation for rural school systems and athletics/co-curricular programs; (3) special education costs, (4) system administration costs, (5) costs of maintaining class size smaller than are recognized by the Essential Programs and Services funding model, and (6) student supports, such as counseling.

*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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 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, local funds for 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 \$45,155,670**

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

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$599,596** for adult education and raise **\$212,572** 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 EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 17:** 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 18 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS**

**ARTICLE 18:** 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 19 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED**

**ARTICLE 19:** 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 or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or 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?

**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM  
THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$250,000** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend said funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

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

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$300,000** from available fund balances to the Special Education Reserve Fund and to expend said funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

**ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM  
THE INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$300,000** from available fund balances to the Instruction Technology Reserve Fund and to expend said funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?