

**TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE
SCHOOL BUDGET
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TO
ROBERT ANDERSON**

A CONSTABLE IN THE TOWN OF ACTON
YORK, SS

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote in Town affairs of the special town meeting described in this warrant.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ACTON:

You are hereby notified and warned that a special town meeting will be held at the **Acton Elementary School, Milton Mills Road**, on April 10, 2012 **at 7 o'clock** in the evening to act on the following Acton School Warrant articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator for said meeting.

Ted Kryzak nominated Richard Nass as Moderator, Percival Lowell seconded. No other nominations were made. Richard Nass was elected Moderator, by written secret ballot.

Moderator Nass asked the voting body and received permission for the following non-residents to speak if necessary during the meeting:

- **Superintendent Betsy St. Cyr**
- **Interim Superintendent Bob Powers**
- **Principal Trish Halliday**
- **Special Ed Director Joy Kiely**
- **Finance Director Carlene Doyle**
- **IT Manager Michael Corey**
- **Town Clerk Jennifer Roux**

**ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 12 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN
COST CENTER CATEGORIES**

ARTICLE 2

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,754,991
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$2,714,641

Jeanette Bearse made a motion to adopt the Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation of \$2,714,641, seconded by Mary Stanton.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$2,714,641 for Regular Instruction.

ARTICLE 3

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,028,486
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$1,028,486

Jeanette Bearse made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$1,028,486, seconded by Mary Stanton.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,028,486 for Special Education.

ARTICLE 4

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$ 0
Warrant and Finance Recommends \$ 0

Jeanette Bearse made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$0, seconded by Mary Stanton.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education.

ARTICLE 5

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$42,277
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$42,277

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$42,277, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$42,277 for Other Instruction.

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends: \$309,037
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$309,037

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$309,037, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$309,037 for Student and Staff Support.

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$216,361
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$209,961

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation of \$209,961, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$209,961 for System Administration.

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$150,146
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$150,146

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$150,146 seconded by Percival Lowell.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$150,146 for School Administration.

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends: \$249,440
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$249,440

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$249,440 seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$249,440 for Transportation and Buses.

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends: \$419,557
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$419,557 4 yes votes, 1 abstention (Brazier)

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$419,557, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$419,557 for Facilities and Maintenance.

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends: \$0
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$0

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$0, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$0 for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends: \$131,864
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$131,864

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation of \$131,864, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$131,864 for All Other Expenditures.

ARTICLES 13 AND 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum the municipality 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 (**Recommend \$3,829,669**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the 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. (**Recommend: \$3,397,078**)

"Explanation: The school administrative 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 a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$3,829,669 and raise \$3,397,078 as the municipality's contribution
Warrant and Finance Recommends: Appropriate \$3,829,669 and raise \$3,397,078 as the municipality's contribution

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$3,829,669 and raise \$3,397,078 as the municipality's contribution, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried for the municipality to appropriate \$3,829,669 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 raise \$3,397,078 as the 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.

ARTICLE 14 (This Article Requires a Written Ballot)

To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,407,490**) that exceeds the state's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,322,496**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee Recommends **\$1,407,490** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,322,496**: The Essential Programs and Services allocation model does not fully support all the costs of a K-12 program. These funds support programming not included in the Essential Programs and Services Model.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative 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 of non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipality's budget for educational programs.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,407,490
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$1,360,740

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation of \$1,360,740, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Ted Kryzak made a motion to recommend \$1,260,740 and to amend the article to read:

“To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$1,260,740) that exceeds the state's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend \$1,175,746) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee. The School Committee Recommends \$1,260,740 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,175,746 The Essential Programs and Services allocation model does not fully support all the costs of a K-12 program. These funds support programming not included in the Essential Programs and Services Model.”

Seconded by Richard Michaud. Amended article passed. Article was then voted on by written secret ballot as amended.

35 YES

2 NO

Article passed, by a written secret ballot vote, as amended, to authorize the municipality to raise and appropriate additional local funds, in the amount of \$1,260,760 that exceeds the state's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,175,746 as required to fund the budget.

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 from the school administrative 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 Committee recommends: \$5,302,159
Warrant and Finance Recommends: \$5,255,409

Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$5,302,159. This article authorizes the School Committee to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. The article does not raise any additional money.

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation of \$5,255,409, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to expend \$5,255,409 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 from the school administrative 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.

**ARTICLES 16 THROUGH 18 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 16

Shall the School Committee 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 Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article
Warrant and Finance Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the School Committee's recommendation and adopt the article as written, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion Carried to authorize the School Committee 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.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Acton School Committee be authorized to establish a fuel cost stabilization fund under the authority of 20-A MRS section 15008, and to transfer up to **\$10,000** to that fund from unexpended fund balances at the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year?

Municipal Officers Recommend: **Approve up to \$10,000**
Warrant and Finance Recommends: **Approve up to \$10,000**

Statutory Disclosure Statement: The fuel cost stabilization fund balance is currently zero, and no funds have been expended in each of the three preceding years from the fund proposed to be established by this article. If this article is approved as written, the fuel cost stabilization fund balance will be **\$10,000**

Mary Stanton made a motion to adopt the Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation and approve up to \$10,000, seconded by Richard Michaud.

Motion carried to authorize the School Committee to establish a fuel cost stabilization fund under the authority of 20-A MRS section 15008, and to transfer up to \$10,000 to that fund from unexpended fund balances at the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Signed by Selectmen, Town of Acton on this 29th day of March, 2012

ss/Theodore Kryzak Jr.
ss/William Shields
Larissa Crockett
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Roux
Town Clerk