

**TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE  
SCHOOL BUDGET FY 2018-2019  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TO  
ROBERT ANDERSON**

A CONSTABLE IN THE TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE - YORK, SS

**GREETINGS, TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ACTON:**

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 to assemble at the **Acton Elementary School, 700 Milton Mills Road, on April 3, 2018 at 7 o'clock in the evening** to act on the following articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1:**

To choose a moderator for said meeting.

**Richard Nass was nominated and elected Moderator by written secret ballot.**

**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:** To expend \$2,743,537 for Regular Instruction. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$2,743,537 for Regular Instruction. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$2,743,537 for Regular Instruction. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 3:**

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

**School Committee Recommends:** To expend \$1,035,551 for Special Education. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$1,035,551 for Special Education. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$1,035,551 for Special Education. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**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:** To expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 5:**

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

**School Committee Recommends:** To expend \$50,400 for Other Instruction. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$50,400 for Other Instruction. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$50,400 for Other Instruction. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**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:** To expend \$527,043 for Student and Staff Support. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$527,043 for Student and Staff Support. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$527,043 for Student and Staff Support. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 7:**

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

**School Committee Recommends:** To expend \$213,828 for System Administration. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$213,828 for System Administration. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$213,828 for System Administration. (5-0). Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 8:**

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

**School Committee Recommends:** To expend \$128,074 for School Administration. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$128,074 for School Administration. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$128,074 for School Administration. (5-0) Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 9:**

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

**School Committee Recommends:** To expend \$297,000 for Student Transportation. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$297,000 for Student Transportation. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$297,000 for Student Transportation. (5-0) Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 10:**

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

**School Committee Recommends:** To expend \$460,224 for Facilities Maintenance. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$460,224 for Facilities Maintenance. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$460,224 for Facilities Maintenance. (5-0) Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**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:** To expend \$0 for Debt Service. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$0.00 for Debt Service. (6-0)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$0 for Debt Service (5-0) Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 12:**

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

**School Committee Recommends:** To expend \$143,461 for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$143,461 for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to accept the School Committee's recommendation to expend \$143,461 for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition. (5-0) Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**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 Pre-kindergarten to grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, **\$3,655,151.39** and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, **\$3,203,254.74** in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Committee Recommends:** To appropriate \$3,655,151.39 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and to raise \$3,203,254.74 as the municipality’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12. (5-0)

Total Combined State & Local	\$3,655,151.39
Less State Subsidy	<u>-451,896.65</u>
Amount required by State from Town	\$3,203,254.74

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$3,655,151.39 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and to raise \$3,203,254.74 as the municipality’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12. (5-1)

“Explanation: The school department’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-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.”

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to accept the School Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$3,655,151.39 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and to raise \$3,203,254.74 as the municipality’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12. (5-0) Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 14:** *(This Article requires a written Ballot)*

To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,708,965.65**) that exceeds the state’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,708,965.65**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

Additional Funds Calculation	
Total Budget	\$5,599,117.04
Less School Undesignated Funds	-150,000.00
Less Other Revenues	- 5,000.00
Less State Subsidy	-451,896.65
Less Nutrition Revenues	<u>-80,000.00</u>
Total Budget Less Anticipated Revenues	\$4,912,220.39
Less Amount Required by State from Town (Article 13)	<u>-3,203,254.74</u>
Additional Amount Raised by the Town (Article 14)	<u>\$1,708,965.65</u>
Exceed	
Amount Required by State from Town	\$3,203,254.74
Additional Amount Raised by the Town	1,708,965.65
State Subsidy	<u>451,896.65</u>
Total Raised and Subsidy	\$5,364,117.04
100% EPS Allocation	\$3,655,151.39
Total Raised and Subsidy less 100% EPS Allocation	<u>\$1,708,965.65</u>

**The School Committee Recommends:** To raise and appropriate \$1,708,965.65 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,708,965.65. The Essential Programs and Services allocation model does not fully support all the costs of a Pre-K-12 program. These funds support programming not included in the Essential Programs and Services Model including items such as transportation, nutrition, and other educational and support programs. (5-0)

**The Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to raise and appropriate \$1,708,965.65 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,708,965.65. The Essential Programs and Services allocation model does not fully support all the costs of a Pre-K-12 program. These funds support programming not included in the Essential Programs and Services Model including items such as transportation, nutrition, and other educational and support programs. (4-2)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to accept the School Committee's recommendation to raise and appropriate \$1,708,965.65 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,708,965.65. The Essential Programs and Services allocation model does not fully support all the costs of a Pre-K-12 program. These funds support programming not included in the Essential Programs and Services Model including items such as transportation, nutrition, and other educational and support programs. Seconded by Mary Shain.**

**Article 14 was voted on by written secret ballot.**

**Results: 50 YES / 14 NO - ARTICLE 14 PASSED AS RECOMMENDED**

## **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, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-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:** To expend \$5,599,117 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grades Pre-kindergarten to grade 12. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$5,449,117 and also to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from the school undesignated fund for a total of \$5,599,117 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grades Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. (5-1)

*Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$5,599,117. This article authorizes the School Committee to expend the funds appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. The article does not raise any additional money.  
The following estimated revenue sources to be used are:*

Amount Required by State from Town (Article 13)	\$3,203,254.74
Additional Amount Raised by the Town (Article 14)	1,708,965.65
Add School Undesignated Funds	150,000.00
Add State Subsidy	451,896.65
Add Other Revenues	5,000.00
Add Nutrition Revenues	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total Budget	\$5,599,117.04

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation To expend \$5,599,117 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grades Pre-kindergarten to grade 12. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**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:** To authorize expenditure of grants and other funds as per Article 16. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to authorize expenditure of grants and other funds as per Article 16. (6-0)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to authorize expenditure of grants and other funds as per Article 16. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 17:**

To see if the Town of Acton will appropriate the receipt of certain Federal and State Grants and carry any previous balances for the following Special Revenue Accounts:

Title IA	Title IIA	Local Entitlement Preschool
Small Rural School		Proficiency Based Learning
Title IV		

**School Committee Recommends:** To appropriate receipt of Federal and State Grant funds as per Article 17. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to appropriate receipt of Federal and State Grant funds as per Article 17. (6-0)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to appropriate receipt of Federal and State Grant funds as per Article 17. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 18:**

To see if the Town of Acton will vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to fund the food service budget in addition to amounts raised by taxation for food services in the school operating budget.

**School Nutrition Revenues \$80,000**

**School Committee Recommends:** To appropriate revenues to fund the Nutrition budget as per Article 18. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to appropriate revenues to fund the Nutrition budget as per Article 18. (6-0)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to appropriate revenues to fund the Nutrition budget as per Article 18. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

**ARTICLE 19 TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 19:**

To see what sum the Town of Acton will vote to transfer funds from unexpended funds to the Designated Capital Improvement Reserves Account and to expend funds from that Reserve Account. This account is used for purposes of paving the parking lots and sidewalks.

**School Committee Recommends:** Transfer of \$ 15,000 from school undesignated funds to the schools designated capital improvement reserve account. (5-0)

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To accept the School Committee's recommendation to transfer of \$15,000 from school undesignated funds to the schools designated capital improvement reserve account. (5-1)

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to transfer of \$ 15,000 from school undesignated funds to the schools designated capital improvement reserve account. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried; Article Passed.**

Signed this day of March 2018.

Town of Acton Board of Selectmen

Miller, Elise

Walsh, Edward

Stacey-Horn, Kimberly

Minutes by Jennifer Roux, Town Clerk