

**TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE**

**WARRANT**

**TO  
DAVID COTE**

**A CITIZEN IN THE TOWN OF ACTON**

**YORK, SS**

**ACTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR 09**

**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 to assemble at the **Acton Elementary School on July 22, 2008 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 elected moderator by secret written ballot.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Account # 1100	Reg. Instruction 3-8	\$1,142,089
Account # 1120	Reg. Instruction K-2	\$ 315,524
Account # 1200	Secondary Ed.	\$ 955,525
Account # 2230	Instructional Technology	\$ 76,088

**School Committee Recommends:** Appropriate \$ 2,489,226

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** Appropriate \$ 2,489,226

**Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$2,489,226, seconded by Jeanette Bearse.**

**Pam MacAlinden made a motion to amend the amount to \$2,240,303, seconded by Roger Roy.**

**Amendment Failed.**

**Original motion made by Michaud, seconded by Bearse carried.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Account # 2100	Sp. Ed. Reg. Classroom Placement	\$ 59,595
Account # 2200	Sp. Ed. Resource Room Placement	\$ 222,175
Account # 2300	Sp. Ed. Self-Contained Placement	\$ 165,799

Account # 2500	Sp. Ed. Administration	\$ 291,562
Account # 2800	Sp. Ed. Other Special Programs	\$ 135,654

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 874,785

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 874,785

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$874,785, seconded by Mark Lowell. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. (Account # 2900)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 74,216

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 74,216

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$74,216 seconded by Mark Lowell. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

Account # 2120	Guidance	\$49,949
Account # 2130	School Nurse	\$54,827
Account # 9100	Co-curricular activities	\$ 7,986
Account # 9200	Extra-Curricular activities	\$19,869
Account # 2213	Improvement of Instruction	\$25,401
Account # 2220	Library Services	\$30,049

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 188,081

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 188,081

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$188,081 seconded by Mark Lowell. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. (Account # 2300)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 212,995

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 212,995 4 yes, 1 no

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$212,995 seconded by Mark Lowell. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. (Account # 2400)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 132,901

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 132,901

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$132,901, seconded by Judith Shain. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. (Account # 2700 Student Transportation)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 211,082

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 211,082

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$211,082, seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. (Account # 2610 Operation & Maintenance)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 404,258

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 404,258

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$404,258 seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. (Account # 5100 Debt Service)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 209,468

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 209,468

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$209,468, seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. (Account # 3100 Nutrition)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 124,910

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 124,910

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$124,910, seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 12:** 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 \$ 3,643,804) 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.

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 3,362,277

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 3,362,277

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.

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$3,362,277, seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town of Acton raise and appropriate \$ 1,278,118 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,278,118 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Acton School Committee?

The Acton School Committee recommends: Appropriate \$1,278,118 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,197,856.

The Warrant and Finance Committee recommends: Appropriate \$1,278,118 4 yes, 1 no

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 on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Acton School Department budget for educational programs.

*Note: This article must be voted by recorded vote per M.S.R.A § 15690*

Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$1,278,118 seconded by Mark Lowell.

Article was voted on by secret written ballot. Yes – 62, No – 29. Motion Carried.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 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: Authorize \$4,921,922

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Authorize \$4,921,922 4 yes, 1 no

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$4,921,922 seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will appropriate the receipt of certain Federal and State Grants and carry any previous balances for the Special Revenue Accounts:

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to adopt the article as written, seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any unanticipated school related revenues, such as reimbursements, grant, donations, building use fees or awards that are not part of the school operating budget, subject to the approval of the School Committee.

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's Recommendation.

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to adopt the article as written, seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to cover the expenditures appropriated in the previous articles. Remaining funding required to be raised by taxation.

School Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 221,710
School Nutrition Revenues	65,000
General Purpose Aid	281,527
State Agency	10,000
Medicaid	50,000

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's Recommendation.

Judith Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee and Warrant and Finance Committee's recommendation to adopt the article as written, seconded by Mary Stanton.

Roger Roy made a motion to amend the article to read "To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following estimated Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to cover the expenditures appropriated in the previous articles. Remaining funding required to be raised by taxation.

School Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 221,710
School Nutrition Revenues	65,000
General Purpose Aid	281,527
State Agency	10,000
Medicaid	50,000

Motion Carried as Amended.

After the conclusion of the vote on the warrant articles, the meeting will be recessed until Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 8:00 am. At which time the polls for the referendum question below will open from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm.

*“Do you favor approving the Acton School Department budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest municipal school unit budget meeting, on July 22 , 2008, and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?”*

Approved and Signed on: July 14, 2008

ss Nancy Ruma

Nancy Ruma, Chairman of the Board of Selectman

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Michael Conway, Selectman

ss Anthony Cogliandro

Anthony Cogliandro, Selectman