

**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 May 20, 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 ballot. JeannetteBears/Richard Michaud.*

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. (Account # 1100, 1120, 1200, and 2230)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 2,650,260

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation

*Jeanette Bears made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation of \$2,650,260, seconded by Judith Shain. Motion Carried.*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. (Account # 2100, 2200, 2300, 2500, and 2800)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 895,156

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 894,156

*Tom Chase made a motion to accept the Warrant & Finance Committee's Recommendation of \$894,156, 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 & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

*Debra Rix made a motion to appropriate \$50,000, seconded by Elias Thomas. Motion Failed.*

*Jeannette Bearse made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation of \$74,216, seconded by Richard Michaud. Motion Carried.*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. (Account # 2120, 2130, 9100, 9200, 2213 and 2220)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 203,000

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

*Debra Rix made a motion to appropriate \$175,000, seconded by Elias Thomas. Motion Failed.*

*Jeannette Bearse made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation of \$203,000, seconded by Richard Michaud. 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 \$ 215,168

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 213,484

*Thomas Chase made a motion to appropriate \$208,172. Seconded by Dwight Venell. Motion Failed.*

*Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the Warrant and Finance Committee's Recommendation of \$213,484, 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 \$ 149,536

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 144,639

*Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee Recommendation of \$149,536, seconded by Patrick Hannon.*

*John Moore made a motion to amend the motion to \$144,639, seconded by Mark Lowell. Amended motion carried.*

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

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 211,082

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

*Jeannette Bearse made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation of \$211,082, seconded by Andrea Berry. Motion Carried.*

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

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 404,258

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

*Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation of \$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)

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 209,468

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

*Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation of \$209,468, seconded by Tom Chase. Motion Carried.*

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

School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$ 124,910

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

*Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation of \$124,910, seconded by Judith Shain. 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 & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

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's Recommendation of \$3,362,277, seconded by Andrea Berry. Motion Carried.*

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town of Acton raise and appropriate \$ 1,493,250 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,493,250 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Acton School Committee?

Acton School Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$1,493,250 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,412,988.

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Appropriate \$1,485,669 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,405,407.

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*

*Tom Chase made a motion to accept the Warrant and Finance Committee's Recommendation of \$1,485,669, seconded by Mark Lowell. Motion carried by secret written ballot 75-33.*

**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 \$5,137,054

Warrant & Finance Committee Recommends: Authorize \$5,129,473

*Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the Warrant and Finance Committee's Recommendation of \$5,129,473, seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried.*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and 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 & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

*Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation to adopt the article as written, seconded by Tom Chase. Motion Carried.*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and 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 & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee's recommendation.

*Richard Michaud made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation to adopt the article as written, seconded by Mark Lowell. Motion Carried.*

**ARTICLE 17:** 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	\$ 14,269
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 & Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the School Committee’s recommendation.

*Richard Michaud made a motion to amend the article to increase the “School Undesignated Fund Balance to \$221,710, seconded by Judith Shain. Motion Carried as amended.*

*Michael Conway made a motion to recess said meeting until 8am on Tuesday, May 27th, 2008 at the opening of the polls, seconded by Judith Shain.*

After the conclusion of the vote on the warrant articles, the meeting will be recessed until Tuesday, May 27th, 2008 at 8:00am. At which time the polls for the referendum question below will open from 8:00am – 8:00pm.

*“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 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nancy Ruma, Chairman of the Board of Selectman

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Michael Conway, Selectman

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Richard Neal, Selectman