

WARRANT & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCHOOL BUDGET
MARCH 27, 2012

APPROVED

The meeting was opened at 6pm by Chairman Paul Poyant, who read his opening statement noting the meeting was called to make recommendations on the school budget. Members present were Poyant, Andy Brazier, Dick Weymouth, Nancy Ruma and Percival Lowell. The following is the action taken.

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

Nancy Ruma made a motion, seconded by Percy Lowell, to recommend \$ 2,754,991. Judie Shain, Chairman of the School Committee, stated that after some creative study of that amount, the committee has found that one extra teacher planned for is not needed so, suggested an amount of \$2,714,641. Nancy amended her motion, which was voted acceptance and made a motion that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$2,714,641**. It was voted 5-0.

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

Andy made a motion, seconded by Percy, that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$1,028,486**. It was so voted, 5-0.

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

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Andy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$0**. It was noted that this category is geared to secondary 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

On a motion by Andy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$42,277**.

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

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Dick, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$309,037**.

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

Nancy made a motion, seconded by Percy, to recommend \$216,361. Judie Shain reported that the School Committee has decided to remove the principal's stipend, which had been budgeted for the extra time needed due to the superintendent's illness, so \$6,400 can be cut from this item. Nancy amended her motion and her amendment was accepted, so it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$209,961**.

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

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$150,146.**

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

On a motion by Andy, seconded by Dick, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$249,440.**

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

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Dick, it was voted 4-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$419,557.** Andy Brazier abstained from voting.

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

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Dick, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$0.**

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

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$131,864.**

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.

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend Appropriate \$3,829,669 and raise \$3,397,078 as the municipality’s contribution.**

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

After subtraction of the reduced amounts the Warrant and Finance Committee had recommended, on a motion by Nancy, seconded by Andy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$1,360,740**.

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

Based on the numbers changed, on a motion by Nancy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend \$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.

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

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend Adoption of the Article**.

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

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

On a motion by Andy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend Adoption of the Article**.

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 \$65,000

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of the Article

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend Adoption of the Article.**

WARRANT ARTICLE TO ESTABLISH AND TRANSFER FUNDS
TO FUEL COST STABILIZATION FUND

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:

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Percy, it was voted 5-0 that the **Warrant and Finance Committee Recommend 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**.

Paul announced that the Warrant and Finance Committee will be holding workshops March 29 at 6:15pm and March 31 at 9am.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Lorraine Yeaton, Secretary