

**TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE  
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, 700 Milton Mills Road**, on May 9, 2017 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act on the following warrant articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1:**

To choose a moderator for said meeting

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

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

**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 \$2,726,501 for Regular Instruction 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$2,726,501 for Regular Instruction 5-1

**Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$2,726,501 for Regular Instruction, seconded by Jeanette Bears. 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 \$940,484 for Special Education 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$940,484 for Special Education 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$940,484 for Special Education, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. 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 expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. 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 \$48,735 for Other Instruction 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$48,735 for Other Instruction 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$48,735 for Other Instruction, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. 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 \$536,529 for Student and Staff Support 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$536,529 for Student and Staff Support 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$536,529 for Student and Staff Support, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. 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 \$199,675 for System Administration 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$199,675 for System Administration 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$199,675 for System Administration, seconded by Jeanette Bearnse. 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 \$122,095 for School Administration 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$122,095 for School Administration 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$122,095 for School Administration, seconded by Jeanette Bearnse. 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 \$276,000 for Student Transportation 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$276,000 for Student Transportation 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$276,000 for Student Transportation, seconded by Jeanette Bearnse. 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 \$472,187 for Facilities Maintenance 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$472,187 for Facilities Maintenance 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$472,187 for Facilities Maintenance, seconded by Jeanette Bearnse. 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 expend \$0 for Debt Service 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$0 for Debt Service, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. 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 \$137,756 for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition 5-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$137,756 for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition 5-0

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$137,756 for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. 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, \$3,279,903.71 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, \$3,087,882.22 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Committee recommends:** To appropriate \$3,279,903.71 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and to raise \$3,087,882.22 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 .....	\$3,279,903.71
Less State Subsidy .....	\$192,021.49
Amount required by State from Town .....	<u>\$3,087,882.22</u>

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To appropriate \$3,279,903.71 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and to raise \$3,087,882.22 as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12. 6-0

Total Combined State & Local .....	\$3,279,903.71
Less State Subsidy .....	\$192,021.49
Amount required by State from Town .....	<u>\$3,087,882.22</u>

“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 and appropriate \$3,279,903.71 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and to raise \$3,087,882.22 as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12, seconded by Jeanette Bearnse. 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 \$1,790,058.29**) that exceeds the state’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,718,096.27**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

**Additional Funds Calculation:**

<b>Total Budget</b> .....	\$5,459,962.00
Less Undesignated Funds .....	\$250,000.00
Less Other Revenues .....	\$60,000.00
Less State Subsidy .....	\$192,021.49
Less Nutrition Revenues .....	\$80,000.00
Total Budget Less Anticipated Revenues .....	\$4,877,940.51
Less Amount Required by State from Town (Article 13) .....	<u>\$3,087,882.22</u>
<b>Additional Amount Raised by the Town (Article 14) .....</b>	<b><u>\$1,790,058.29</u></b>

**EPS Allocations:**

Amount Required by State from Town .....	\$3,087,882.22
Additional Amount Raised by the Town .....	\$1,790,058.29
State Subsidy.....	\$192,021.49
Total Raised and Subsidy.....	\$5,069,962.00
100% EPS Allocation.....	\$3,351,865.73
<b>Total Raised and Subsidy less 100% EPS Allocation .....</b>	<b><u>\$1,718,096.27</u></b>

**The School Committee Recommends:** To raise and appropriate **\$1,790,058.29** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,718,096.27**. 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 raise and appropriate \$1,790,058.29 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,718,096.27. 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. 6-0

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's recommendation to raise and appropriate \$1,790,058.29 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,718,096.27. 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 Jeanette Bearse. Article 14 was voted on by written secret ballot, 53 yes, 6 no, article 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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 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 \$5,459,962 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 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 \$5,459,962 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the School Department’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grades Pre-kindergarten to grade 12. 5-0-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and expend \$5,459,962 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the School Department’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grades Pre-kindergarten to grade 12, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. Motion carried, article passed.

*Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$5,459,962. 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) ..... \$3,087,882.22

Additional Amount Raised by the Town (Article 14).....	\$1,790,058.29
Add Other Revenues .....	\$60,000.00
Add Undesignated Funds .....	\$250,000.00
Add State Subsidy .....	\$192,021.49
Add Nutrition Revenues .....	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
<b>Total Budget</b> .....	\$5,459,962.00

**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 authorize expenditure of grants and other funds as per Article 16. 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to accept the School Committee's Recommendation and authorize expenditure of grants and other funds as per Article 16, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. 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
Preschool	Local Entitlement
Small Rural School	Proficiency Based Learning

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

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** 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 and appropriate receipt of Federal and State Grant funds as per Article 17, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. 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 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 and appropriate revenues to fund the Nutrition budget as per Article 18, seconded by Jeanette Bearse. Motion carried, article passed.

**ARTICLE 19:**

To see if the Town of Acton will vote to appropriate up to **\$280,000** for the purpose of **purchasing a new Ambulance** for the Acton Fire Rescue Department. **\$73,200** to come from the Acton Ambulance Reserve Fund and up to **\$206,800** to come from the undesignated fund balance.

**Board of Selectmen Recommends:** Adopt Article As Written 2-0

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** Adopt Article As Written 4-2

William Williams made a motion, seconded by Percival Lowell to adopt article 19 as written, motion carried. Article passed.

Signed this 18th day of April 2017,

Ss/ Edward Walsh, Chairman

Ss/William Shields, Selectman

Ss/Elise Miller, Selectman

Ss/Jennifer Roux, Town Clerk