

**TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE  
SCHOOL BUDGET FY 2019-2020  
SPECIAL 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 April 2nd, 2019 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Acton School Warrant articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1** - To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Richard Nass was nominated for Moderator; no other nominations heard. Richard Nass was 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 \$2,729,763 for Regular Instruction

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$2,729,763 for Regular Instruction (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 2 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$2,729,763; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried, article adopted.

**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 \$1,019,071 for Special Education

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$1,019,071 for Special Education (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 3 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$1,019,071; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried, article adopted.

**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

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 4 as recommended by the School Committee and expend \$0; seconded by Percival Lowell. Motion carried, article adopted.

#### **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 \$53,233 for Other Instruction

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$53,233 for Other Instruction (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 5 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$53,233; seconded by Percival Lowell. Motion carried, article adopted.

#### **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 \$560,263 for Student and Staff Support

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$560,263 for Student and Staff Support (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 6 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$560,263; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

#### **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 \$209,078 for System Administration

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$209,078 for System Administration (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 7 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$209,078; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

#### **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 \$137,387 for School Administration

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$137,387 for School Administration (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 8 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$137,387; seconded by Percival Lowell. Motion carried, article adopted.

#### **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 \$287,500 for Student Transportation

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$287,500 for Student Transportation (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 9 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$287,500; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

#### **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 \$466,072 for Facilities Maintenance

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$466,072 for Facilities Maintenance (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 10 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$466,072; seconded by Percival Lowell. Motion carried, article adopted.

### **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

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$0 for Debt Service (5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 11 as recommended by the School Committee and expend \$0; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

### **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 \$145,186 for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$145,186 for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition (4-2)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 12 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$145,186; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

## **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, \$3,654,359 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, \$3,383,600, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

*"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."*

**School Committee Recommends:** To appropriate \$3,654,359 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and to raise \$3,383,600 as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

Total Combined State & Local \$3,654,359

Less State Subsidy -\$270,759

Amount required by State from Town \$3,383,600

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To appropriate \$3,654,359 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and to raise \$3,383,600 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 \$3,654,359

Less State Subsidy -\$270,759

Amount required by State from Town \$3,383,600

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 13 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$3,654,359; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

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

To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$1,576,400) that exceeds the state's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend \$1,576,400) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

**The School Committee Recommends:** To raise and appropriate \$1,576,400 additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,576,400 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.

**The Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To raise and appropriate \$1,576,400 additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,576,400 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)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 14 as recommended by the School Committee and raise and appropriate \$1,576,400; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted by written secret ballot (54-7).

**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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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 \$5,607,553 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grades Pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To expend \$5,607,553 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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 \$5,607,553. 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.

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 15 as recommended by the School Committee to expend \$5,607,553; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

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.

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To authorize expenditure of grants and other funds as per Article 16.(6-0)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 16 as recommended by the School Committee and expend grants and other funds as per Article 16; seconded by Percival Lowell. Motion carried, article adopted.

**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 all Grant Revenue Accounts.

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

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To appropriate receipt of Federal and State Grant funds as per Article 17. (6-0)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 17 as recommended by the School Committee to expend Federal and State Grant funds as per Article 17; seconded by Percival Lowell. Motion carried, article adopted.

**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town of Acton will vote to raise and 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 raise and appropriate revenues to fund the Nutrition budget as per Article 18.

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To raise and appropriate revenues to fund the Nutrition budget as per Article 18.(5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 18 as recommended by the School Committee and raise and appropriate revenues to fund the Nutrition budget; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

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 the School's unexpended funds to the School's 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:** To transfer \$ 20,000 from the School's unexpended funds to the School's designated capital Improvement Reserves Account for the purpose of paving the parking lots and sidewalks.

**Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:** To transfer \$ 20,000 from the School's unexpended funds to the School's designated capital Improvement Reserves Account for the purpose of paving the parking lots and sidewalks.(5-1)

Judith Shain made a motion to approve Article 19 as recommended by the School Committee and transfer funds of \$20,000; seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried, article adopted.

Signed the 19th day of March 2019.

ss/Edward Walsh, Chairman

ss/Elise Miller

ss/Kimberly Stacey

Town of Acton Board of Selectmen

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Roux**