

**WARRANT TO CALL
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 61
BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Angela Stover, a resident of Maine School Administrative District No. 61 (the "District") composed of the Towns of Bridgton, Casco and Naples, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the District, namely, the Towns of Bridgton, Casco, and Naples, that a District Budget Meeting will be held at Lake Region High School, 1879 Roosevelt Trail, Naples, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 9, 2023 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles for the 2023-2024 fiscal year set forth below.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11
AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$ 11,448,513

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$ 6,345,377

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$ 1,987,407

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$ 821,354

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends \$ 3,066,536

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends \$ 1,087,563

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Board Recommends \$ 1,772,265

- ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends \$ 1,971,482
- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Board Recommends \$ 3,863,992
- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$ 1,855,141
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures, including Community Use of Facilities.
School Board Recommends \$ 50,000.

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

- ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the District 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 and to see what sum the District will raise and assess as each 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.
Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (and District assessments by municipality):	
Town of Bridgton:	\$ 8,183,316	Town of Bridgton:	\$ 7,248,211
Town of Casco:	\$ 5,292,723	Town of Casco:	\$ 4,687,951
Town of Naples:	\$ 7,669,479	Town of Naples:	\$ 5,574,511
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$21,145,518	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$17,510,673

Explanation: The District'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 the District must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the District voters for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

School Board Recommends \$ 1,855,141

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the District's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the District voters.

ARTICLE 14: (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$5,301,397**) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$ 5,301,397 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends \$5,301,397 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$5,301,397:

1. \$731,870 is the Teacher Retirement piece at 4.47% that was previously paid by the State.
2. Co-curricular and Extra-curricular activities: The State has supported an average of 10% statewide; SAD 61 receives about 2.5%.
3. Additional staffing district wide: staffing above the EPS minimums in the following areas: teachers, clerical, educational technicians (permanent substitutes), guidance and administration and seven workshop days per teacher and four workshop days per educational technician are not covered under the EPS formula.
4. Substitute pay: The State allocates half a day per student. This does not cover long term absences due to lengthy medical leaves for long-term illnesses or for maternity leave where substitutes are paid at a higher rate.
5. Operations/maintenance of seven (7) District facilities.
6. Transportation: (includes special education transportation). This amount would encompass late buses, summer school, bus driver workshop days and our bus safety program.
7. Special Education: This additional amount is partly due to year old student information, extended school year opportunities, scheduling and reduced financial support at the Federal and State levels.
8. Technology: This includes the District initiative to provide laptops to every student grades six (6) through twelve (12), (of which grades seven (7), eight (8) and teachers grades seven (7) through twelve (12), are paid by the State); make laptops and iPad available at the K-5 grade level and to support technology integration into the core learning areas including, English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the District'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 District's budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 15 RAISES FUNDS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: **(Written ballot required).** In addition to the amount in Article 14, to see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds to keep District facilities open for community and other programs on Saturdays and school vacations **(Recommend \$50,000)** which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$ 50,000 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends \$50,000 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$50,000: The cost to keep SAD 61 facilities open for community and other uses on Saturdays and school vacations is not included in the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the District'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 District's budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the District will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the District'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 Board Recommends \$ 34,269,630

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 17: Shall the District appropriate **\$579,414** for adult education and raise **\$284,868** as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" vote.

ARTICLE 18 RAISES FUNDS FOR BACK-UP GENERATORS TO ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO KEEP SCHOOL OPEN AND PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY WITH EMERGENCY WARMING CENTERS DURING POWER FAILURES

ARTICLE 18: (Written Ballot Required). To see if the District will raise and appropriate \$620,000 for a back-up generator capital project reserve fund and authorize the School Board to expend that sum on a non-lapsing basis to install back-up generators at Lake Region High School and Stevens Brook Elementary School to allow the District to keep school open and provide emergency community warming centers during power failures.
School Board Recommends \$620,000.

Explanation: This article will raise and appropriate additional local funds. These funds are in addition to other local funds raised in articles 12-15 and 17 for the purposes described in those articles. These funds exceed the State's Essential Programs and Services Allocation model. The School Board recommends \$620,000 because there is an emergency need for back-up generators to keep school open and to provide community warming centers during power failures.

If this article passes, the cost for these two buildings to each of the three towns will be:

Bridgton \$260,970
Casco \$165,856
Naples \$193,174

Background on Generators: During power failures, backup generators provide power for schools, also allowing schools to potentially be used for community warming shelters. Currently, only Crooked River Elementary has a generator for back up in the event of such situations.

ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 19: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board 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 Board Recommends a "Yes" vote.

ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 20: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer **\$150,000** from available undesignated fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" vote.

ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO THE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 21: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer **\$150,000** from available undesignated fund balances to the Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" vote.

ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 22: Shall the School Board be authorized to expend **\$100,000** from the Transportation Reserve Fund to purchase a new bus and fuel?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" vote.

ARTICLE 23 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO THE REGULAR INSTRUCTION RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 23: Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a Regular Instruction Reserve Fund and to transfer **\$250,000** from available undesignated fund balances to that reserve fund?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" vote.

ARTICLE 24 AUTHORIZES CONTINGENCY FUND TRANSFERS

ARTICLE 24: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer the District's unallocated balances in excess of 5% of the prior fiscal year's budget, as determined by audit, to the District's non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A; and shall the District delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the District's general fund for use in school operating budgets approved by District voters?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" vote.

Given under our hand this day, April 3, 2023 at Naples, Maine.

<u>Debra C. Porter</u>	_____
<u>Bob Chase</u>	_____
<u>Debra C. Alt</u>	_____
<u>Sharon Young</u>	_____
<u>St. B. [unclear]</u>	_____
<u>Jennifer [unclear]</u>	_____
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A majority of the School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 61. A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

Angela Stover
 Angela Stover, Resident
 Maine School Administrative District No. 61

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