

**WARRANT TO CALL MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 35
BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S.A. 1305-B)**

To: Randy Stewart, a resident of Maine School Administrative District No. 35 composed of the Towns of Eliot and South Berwick, 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 Maine School Administrative District No. 35, namely the Towns of Eliot and South Berwick, that a District Budget Meeting will be held at Marshwood High School, 260 Route 236, South Berwick, Maine at 7:00 P.M. on May 17, 2017 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles 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. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$14,059,110 for Regular Instruction?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all elementary and secondary instruction, the gifted and talented program, and the English language learners program.

ARTICLE #2. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$4,230,058 for Special Education?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all special education services.

ARTICLE #3. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$170,303 for Career and Technical Education?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all vocational education services.

ARTICLE #4. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$971,849 for Other Instruction?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all the co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

ARTICLE #5. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$2,788,308 for Student and Staff Support?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all student and staff support services such as, guidance, nursing, library, curriculum and staff development, technology, and assessment.

ARTICLE #6. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$941,530 for System Administration?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for central administration including the School Board, Superintendent, and Business Office.

ARTICLE #7. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$1,736,354 for School Administration?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for school building administration.

ARTICLE #8. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$1,789,067 for Transportation and Buses?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all student transportation to and from school, including special needs students, out of district placements, and transportation to vocational education centers.

ARTICLE #9. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$2,868,587 for Facilities Maintenance?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for the maintenance and operation of all school buildings and grounds including custodial services, building repairs, utilities, insurance, building security, and minor construction projects.

ARTICLE #10. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$1,372,516 for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for the debt service on the high school and middle school construction bonds and the qualify school construction bond.

ARTICLE #11. Shall the District be authorized to expend \$125,000 for All Other Expenditures?

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

Explanation: This article provides funding for the School Board contingency fund.

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE FUNDS TO EXPEND FOR THE SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE #12. Shall the District appropriate \$23,677,018.96 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the District raise and assess \$12,475,759.17 as each 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 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 (Recommend amount set forth below):

<u>Total appropriated (by municipality):</u>		<u>Total raised (by municipality):</u>	
Town of Eliot:	\$10,209,530.58	Town of Eliot:	\$7,076,482.17
Town of South Berwick:	\$13,467,488.38	Town of South Berwick:	\$5,399,277.00
<u>School District Total</u>		<u>School District Total</u>	
<u>Appropriated:</u>	\$23,677,018.96	<u>Raised:</u>	\$12,475,759.17

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

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. Shall the District raise and appropriate \$237,251.89 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 pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

The Board of School Directors recommends a “YES” vote.

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 for the Middle School addition and HVAC renovations was previously approved by the voters.

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE #15. Shall the District authorize the school committee to expend \$31,052,682 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the District'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?

The Board of School Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE OF ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED

ARTICLE #16. In the event that the District receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board?

The Board of School Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 17 RAISES FUNDS TO EXPEND FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

ARTICLE #17. To see if the District will appropriate **\$103,846** for Adult Education and raise **\$103,846** 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.

The Board of School Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE BOARD TO EXPEND ADDITIONAL STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

ARTICLE #18. In addition to the amounts in Articles 1 through 17, shall the District authorize the Board of Directors to expend such additional State, Federal and Other Funds received during the 2017 -18 fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other services do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

The Board of School Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE #14. Shall the District raise and appropriate \$4,416,694.94 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$3,899,153.51, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board of Directors?

The Board of School Directors Recommends \$4,416,694.94 in additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model:

- Because the state has yet to reach its required 55% funding level responsibility, the EPS funding formula has become a cost containment mechanism.
- The EPS funding formula is based on statewide average costs for supplies and services and does not adjust for local cost variations.
- In order to attract and retain a highly qualified teaching staff our teacher salaries are 19% higher than the state average, the funding formula only allows for a 6% regional adjustment.
- EPS funds only about 1/4 of our athletic or co-curricular program costs.
- For the safety of our students we provide more extensive transportation services than recognized by the EPS formula.
- Because of the importance we place on students and staff learning to use technology, we spend more on technology than the EPS formula allows.
- For the safety and welfare of our students, we provide a nurse in each school building, the EPS formula does not allow for a nurse in each building.
- To facilitate and enhance the opportunity for our students to maximize their educational experience we provide a greater level of counseling services than required by the EPS funding formula.
- Because of the rise in the cost of health insurance, the cost of our employee benefits is about 30% of salary and wages, the funding formula caps them at 19%.
- The District expends \$353 per student on System Administration, (\$49 less than the State Average) but the State discontinued its funding of System Administration for FY 18
- Despite all of the above, MSAD35 spends almost of \$600 less per student than the state average.

The Board of School Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

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 pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on previously approved non-state-funded school construction projects, the non-state-funded portions of school construction projects, and minor capital projects that will help achieve the District's budget for educational programs and will be assessed pursuant to the cost sharing formula approved by the voters on November 7, 2006.

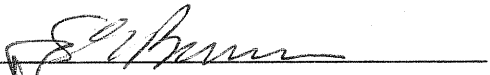


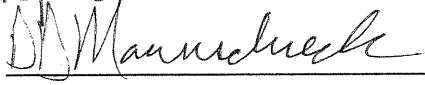

ARTICLES 19 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE #19. Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$300,000 from undesignated fund balance at the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year to the capital reserve fund; and to expend up to \$300,000 from the capital reserve fund to be used for capital projects, facility upgrades, and emergency repairs?

The Board of School Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

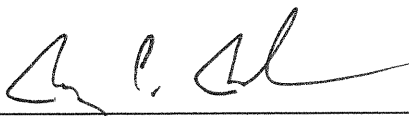
Explanation: The Capital Reserve Account established in 2006 for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects, facility upgrades, emergency repairs, and capital equipment purchases. Voter approval would allow the district to upgrade the HVAC system at Marshwood High School.

Given under our hand this day, May 3, 2017 at South Berwick, Maine.

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A majority of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 35

A true copy of the Warrant, Attest



Dr. Mary C. Nash, Superintendent
Maine School Administrative District No. 35

York County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 35

DATE: May __, 2017

I certify that I have notified the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 35 of the time and place of the District Budget Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant and notice of election as follows:

	TIME(S)	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)
Town of Eliot	9:00 A.M.	MAY <u>4</u> , 2017	TOWN HALL
Town of South Berwick	10:00 A.M.	MAY <u>4</u> , 2017	TOWN HALL

Being at least seven days prior to the District Budget Meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said towns.

Dated: May 4, 2017



Randy Stewart, Resident of
Maine School Administrative District No. 35