

**WARRANT TO CALL REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 2
BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S.A. §1485)**

TO: Susan Corbett, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 2 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the City of Hallowell and the Towns of Dresden, Farmingdale, Monmouth, and Richmond, 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 Regional School Unit No. 2, namely, the City of Hallowell and the Towns of Dresden, Farmingdale, Monmouth, and Richmond, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Richmond High School Gymnasium, 132 Main Street in the Town of Richmond, Maine at 6:00 p.m. on May 31, 2011 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: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$9,848,004

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$3,652,223

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$221,818

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$599,656

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$1,964,860

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$613,333

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$1,153,364

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$1,381,017

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$2,669,145

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$1,082,994

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$75,708

**ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Regional School Unit 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 Regional School Unit 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 Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):
Town of Dresden: \$1,897,118	Town of Dresden: \$1,174,657
Town of Farmingdale: \$4,741,930	Town of Farmingdale: \$1,497,735
City of Hallowell: \$2,852,797	City of Hallowell: \$1,769,643
Town of Monmouth: \$6,386,435	Town of Monmouth: \$2,996,964
Town of Richmond: \$4,776,459	Town of Richmond: \$2,231,662
School Regional School Unit Total Appropriated	School Regional School Unit Total Raised:
(Sum of above) \$20,654,740	(Sum of above) \$9,670,662

Explanation: The Regional School 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 the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,808,091**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,324,488**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board.

The Regional School Unit Board recommends \$1,808,091 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,324,488:

1. Cost of maintaining Teacher – Student ratios
2. Cost of maintaining Co- and Extra-Curricular programs
3. Transportation

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School 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 on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 from the Regional School 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.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$23,262,122

ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Regional School Unit 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?

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 16: To see if Regional School Unit No. 2 will appropriate \$89,778 for adult education and raise \$54,084 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.