

**Sebago School Department
Minutes
School Budget Validation Town Meeting
Warrant for Fiscal Year 2018-2019
June 2, 2018
Sebago Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am by Town Clerk, Maureen Scanlon. ~Present were School Committee members Tina Vanesse and Joe McMahon. Also present were Sebago Superintendent Marc Gendron and School Committee clerk Allen Crabtree.~There were 26 voting residents in attendance including these individuals named above. ~

**WARRANT TO CALL SEBAGO SCHOOL BUDGET TOWN MEETING
(20-A M.R.S.A. § 1485)**

To Tim Anderson, Resident, in the Town of Sebago, in the County of Cumberland:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sebago that a Town Meeting/School Budget Meeting will be held at Sebago Town Hall, 406 Bridgton Road in Sebago. The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 immediately following the Annual Town Meeting which starts at 9:00 am for the purpose of determining the School Budget Meeting articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1:~~~~~To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

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A motion was made by Joe McMahon and seconded by Tina Vanesse to nominate Rich Ruhlin as Moderator. ~ There were no other nominations. ~A question was raised by Ted Greene, a member of the audience, about the need for a written ballot, and Moderator Ruhlin said that a verbal designation was allowed and appropriate. In lieu of a written vote Rich Ruhlin was sworn in as Moderator with verbal affirmation by the School Committee.

Ruhlin introduced Superintendent Gendron who had brief introductory remarks, thanked the town for the long process it has supported, explained the budget and the handouts that everyone had received when they came to the meeting. He showed a short Power Point Presentation. He reminded the voters that after the meeting today everyone would need to vote on June 12 at the referendum on the school budget.

A question was raised from the audience about what would happen if the June 12 referendum fails, and Gendron went through the process of revising the budget and bringing it back to the voters. Jason Schoolcraft in the audience asked about the target cap on the number of students in Pre-K. Gendron said that the cap is now at 20 but said that if the number of students is greater than there are funds to hire additional instructors to handle the student numbers. He also explained about superintendent agreements with other school districts.

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. *School Committee recommends \$ 1,864,355.*

Mary MacKenna made a motion from the audience to approve the Article as written, seconded by Ann McMahon from the audience. The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
*School Committee recommends \$ 410,300*

Joe McMahon made a motion to approve the Article as written, seconded by Tina Vanesse. The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. *School Committee recommends \$ 0*

A motion was made from a member of the audience to approve the Article as written, seconded by Joe McMahon. The motion was retracted and modified to include a \$0 dollars amount, and then presented to the voters, a new motion made by a member of the audience and seconded by Joe McMahon. The article was then passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. *School Committee recommends \$ 20,350*

Joe McMahon made a motion to approve the Article as written, seconded by Tina Vanesse. The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. *School Committee recommends \$ 136,572*

Tina Vanesse made a motion to approve the Article as written, seconded by Donelle Allen from the audience. The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for System Administration. *School Committee recommends \$ 154,200*

Joe McMahon made a motion to approve the Article as written, seconded by Mary MacKenna from the audience. The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for School Administration. *School Committee recommends \$ 162,650*

Susan Gassett made a motion from the audience to approve the Article as written, seconded by Joe McMahon. The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. *School Committee recommends \$ 179,000*

Tina Vanesse made a motion to approve the Article as written, seconded by Susan Gassett from the audience. A question was raised by Lisa Johnson about the options available for the bus fleet, and Superintendent Gendron said the problem was being worked on. Marjorie Jansz asked if the funding in Article 9 was enough to cover all the bus options, and Gendron said it was.

The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Facilities and Maintenance. *School Committee recommends \$ 189,640*

Joe McMahon made a motion to approve the Article as written, seconded by Ann McMahon from the audience. The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. *School Committee recommends \$ 262,376*

Tina Vanesse made a motion to approve the Article as written, seconded by Susan Gassett from the audience.

Linda Buck asked about the different \$ numbers between the budget handout and the warrant. Superintendent Gendron explained that there was a change in the interest rate on debt service and the warrant \$ are correct.

The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. *School Committee recommends \$ 30,000*

Susan Gassett made a motion from the audience to approve the Article as written, seconded by Ann McMahon from the audience. The article was passed unanimously by the voters.

#### **ARTICLES 13 THROUGH 15 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see what sum the Town 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 Town will raise as the Town'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. *School Committee recommends raising \$ 2,002,909 and appropriating \$ 2,137,013*

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

A motion was made by Tina Vanesse to approve the Article as written, seconded by Ann McMahon from the audience. The article was approved unanimously by the voters

**ARTICLE 14:** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Town 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 Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. *School Committee recommends raising and appropriating \$ 262,376.*

*Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments of the School Committee's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding for this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters of SAD61 when Sebago was a member.*

A motion was made by Joe McMahon to approve the Article as written, seconded by Anne McMahon from the audience. The article was approved unanimously by the voters.

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 903,585 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$ 903,585 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

*The School Committee recommends \$ 903,585 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$ 903,585: new Pre-K development funds, anticipated Special Ed cost, funding for Capital Asset Management Plan, startup tech and transportation costs.*

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised over and above the School Committee'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 of non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the municipality's budget for educational programs.*

A motion was made by Susan Gassett from the audience to approve the Article as written and was seconded by Linda Buck from the audience. A show of hands passed the Article, but a point of order was made by Superintendent Gendron that Article 15 and 16 both require a secret, written ballot by the voters. Moderator Ruhlin declared the vote on the article nullified and declared a 5-minute recess so voters could place their ballots with the town clerk. The town clerk certified that the vote on the article was 25 in favor and 1 opposed. Moderator Ruhlin declared the article passed.

#### **ARTICLE 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the Town'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 Committee recommends \$ 3,409,443*

A motion was made by Tina Vanesse to approve the Article as written and was seconded by Anne McMahon from the audience.

A show of hands passed the Article, but a point of order was made by Superintendent Gendron that Article 15 and 16 both require a secret, written ballot by the voters. Moderator Ruhlin declared the vote on the article nullified and declared a 5-minute recess so voters could place their ballots with the town clerk. The town clerk certified that the vote on the article was 25 in favor and 0 opposed. Moderator Ruhlin declared the article passed.

#### **ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 17:** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, 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, and other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

This Article was incorrectly numbered 16 on the warrant. A request was made by Allen Crabtree to renumber this as Article 17 and approved by Moderator Ruhlin.

A motion was made by Anne McMahon from the audience to approve Article 17 as written, and it was seconded by Susan Gassett from the audience.

Susan Gassett wanted to know if this language included receipt of gifts, and Superintendent Gendron said that it did.

Article 17 passed by a unanimous vote of the voters.

#### **ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see what sum the School Committee will appropriate for Adult Education and to see what sum the Town will raise as the local share. *School Committee recommends \$ 0*

This Article was incorrectly numbered 17 on the warrant. A request was made by Allen Crabtree to renumber this as Article 18 and approved by Moderator Ruhlin.

A motion was made by Joe McMahon to approve Article 18 as written, and it was seconded by Tina Vanesse.

Article 18 passed by a unanimous vote of the voters.

Tina Vanesse thanked Superintendent Gendron and the Sebago voters for their support and hard work.

#### **ADJOURN:**

The meeting of the School Budget Validation Town Meeting concluded at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Crabtree  
Sebago School Department  
School Committee Clerk