

**Sebago School Department
Minutes
Warrant to Call Sebago School Department
Special Town Meeting
October 22, 2019
Sebago Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Sebago School Committee Chair Tina Vanesse. Present were School Committee members Tina Vanesse, Joe McMahon, Wendy Newcomb, Donelle Allen and Audrey Douglass Schoolcraft. Also present were Sebago Superintendent Marc Gendron and School Committee clerk Allen Crabtree. There were 29 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 and the State of Maine:

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 Special Town Meeting will be held at Sebago Town Hall, 418 Bridgton Road (Route 107) in Sebago at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 for the purpose of determining the articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1: TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR TO PRESIDE AT SAID MEETING

A motion was made by Joe McMahon and seconded by Susan Gasset from the audience to nominate Phil Lowe as Moderator. There were no other nominations. In lieu of a written vote Phil Lowe was sworn in as Moderator with verbal affirmation by the School Committee.

ARTICLE 2 CORRECTS A NUMERICAL ERROR IN ARTICLE 16 OF THE FY2019-2020 SEBAGO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town amend Article 16 of the FY2019-2020 Sebago School Department Budget adopted at the May 14, 2019 Sebago School Department Budget Meeting to authorize the Sebago School Committee to expend \$3,651,319 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, from the Sebago School Department'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.

Explanation: This article corrects a numerical error in Article 16 of the FY2019-2020 Sebago School Department Budget to be consistent with the total expenditure amounts that voters approved in the cost center categories in Articles 2 through 12 of the FY2019-2020 Budget.

A motion was made by Tina Vanesse and seconded by Audrey Douglass Schoolcraft to approve the article.

During the discussion on the motion Mike Foye from the audience asked for an explanation to the numerical error. Superintendent Marc Gendron explained that the original Article 16 did not include carryover funds and this article corrects that oversight.

Mike Foye wanted to know if there are any additional funds being requested. Superintendent Marc Gendron said there were no additional funds being requested.

Mike Foye wanted to know if he could get a copy of the school budget. Superintendent Marc Gendron said yes, copies are available.

Moderator Phil Lowe advised the meeting that a secret vote would be required for this article and asked the audience to go to the town clerk at the back of the hall and complete a paper ballot. When the votes were tallied, he announced that there were 25 votes in favor and 1 vote opposed. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 3 AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NOTES TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENT AT SEBAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town authorize the issuance of up to \$240,000 in general obligation bonds or notes in anticipation thereof and to expend the proceeds of such bonds or notes to finance the capital expenditure cost of various improvements at Sebago Elementary School including LED lighting installation, insulation and window sealing, flooring, parking lot and sidewalk paving, heating system upgrades and related physical plan improvements and other related costs, including engineering costs and costs of issuance of such bonds or notes in anticipation thereof, hereby authorized and appropriated, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details of the bonds or notes (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) to be determined by the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Sebago School Committee?

Explanation: This article authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds or notes in anticipation thereof to fund a variety of improvements at Sebago Elementary School including LED lighting installation, insulation and window sealing, flooring, parking lot and sidewalk paving, heating system upgrades and related physical plan improvements. Funds for the first year payment of principal and interest, estimated to be \$53,653, are included in the FY2019-2020 Sebago School Department Budget approved on May 14, 2019.

A motion was made by Tina Vanesse and seconded by Audrey Douglass Schoolcraft to approve the article.

There were no questions and no discussion on the article.

Moderator Phil Lowe called for a vote by show of hands and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting was made by Donelle Allen and seconded by Wendy Newcomb. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Crabtree
Secretary
Sebago School Department
School Committee

Nov 26, 2019
Date Approved