

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

**SEBAGO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
283 Sebago Road
Sebago, Maine 04029**

To: James Palmer, Constable of 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 to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Sebago, that a School Budget Meeting will be held at Sebago Elementary School, 283 Sebago Road, in Sebago. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2024 for the purpose of determining the budget articles set forth below.

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

ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 12 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 2: Regular Instruction: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$ 2,634,621.

ARTICLE 3: Special Education: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Special Education Instruction.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$1,157,662.

ARTICLE 4: Career and Technical Education: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$0.

ARTICLE 5: Other Instruction: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$1,000.

ARTICLE 6: Student and Staff Support: To see what sum the Sebago School Department will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

The Sebago School Committee recommends \$194,278.

ARTICLE 14: Non-State Funded Debt Service: 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 pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

The Sebago School Committee recommends raising and appropriating \$ 0.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments of the Sebago School Department'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 Sebago School Department voters.

ARTICLE 15: (Written Ballot Required) Additional Local Funds: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690.

The Sebago School Committee recommends raising and appropriating \$2,105,926.

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$2,090,926: debt service payments, further Pre-K developments, substantial increase anticipated for Special Ed and outsourced transportation costs, increase in deferred facilities repair and maintenance.

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

The difference between the amounts raised and appropriated (\$0) is the sum of other expected revenue sources (\$0) and the budgeted use of the Sebago School Department's existing fund balance (\$0).

ARTICLE 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 16: Total School Budget Summary: To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 from the Town'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 Sebago School Committee recommends \$5,041,453.

ARTICLES 17 THROUGH 20 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS

ARTICLE 17: Expenditures of Grants and Other Receipts: Shall the Sebago 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?

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 18: Use of Additional State Subsidy: In the event that the Town of Sebago receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its 2024-2025 budget, shall the Town authorize the School Committee to use the additional subsidy amount and expend beyond the amounts approved for expenditure in the preceding articles?

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 19: Cost Center Budget Transfers: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year?

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 20: Capital Improvement Reserve: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to appropriate up to \$100,000 from the unassigned fund balance at 2023-2024 fiscal year-end to the existing Capital Improvement Reserve, and to authorize the School Committee to expend the reserve's funds, as it deems appropriate, for its designated purpose during the 2024-2025 fiscal year?

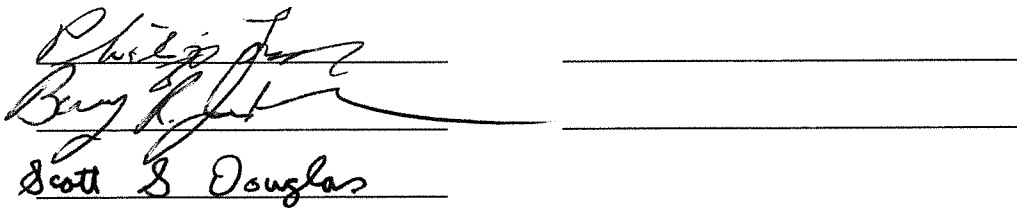
Explanation: The Capital Improvement Reserve is intended to set aside funds for future expenditure on capital improvements and acquisitions. The current available balance in the reserve is \$2,623. The unexpended balance of the reserve shall not lapse to the unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Approval of this Article does not affect the amount of taxes being levied.

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

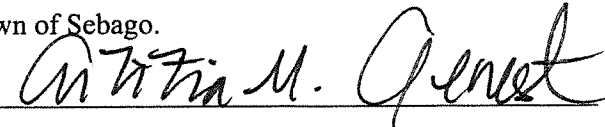
ARTICLE 21: Unanticipated Costs Reserve: Shall the Town authorize the School Committee to expend up to \$100,00 from the existing Unanticipated Costs Reserve, as it deems appropriate, during the 2024-2025 fiscal year?

The Sebago School Committee recommends a "YES" vote.

Given under our hand this day, April 25, 2024, at Sebago, Maine.



A majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Sebago.

A true copy of the Warrant, attest: 
Letitia M. Genest
Town Clerk

