

TOWN OF LOWELL WARRANT ARTICLES

**ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485
JUNE 15,2021**

MEETING WAS OPENED BY LOWELL TOWN CLERK AT 6:00PM

ARTICLE ___1___ Choose a moderator

To choose a moderator at said meeting.

BETTY BICKFORD WAS ELECTED WITH 4 WRITTEN VOTES.

ARTICLE ___2___ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Recommend \$ 414,100.00 **APPROVED**

ARTICLE ___3___ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Recommend \$46,800.00 **APPROVED**

ARTICLE ___4___ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

Recommend \$ 2,507.98 **APPROVED**

ARTICLE ___5___ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

Recommend \$ 21,408.34 **APPROVED**

ARTICLE ___6___ To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

Recommend \$ 26,620.00 **APPROVED**

ARTICLE ___7___ To see what sum the municipality 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 (**Recommend \$ 307,050.25**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the 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.

Recommend \$307,050.25 APPROVED

"Explanation: The school administrative 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 a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

ARTICLE ___8___ Shall Lowell raise and appropriate \$104,931.09 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$104,931.09 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee recommends \$104,931.09 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$104,931.09. **(NOTE:**

Requires written ballot) APPROVED 7 VOTES YES, 0 VOTES NO

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative 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 Lowell School Department budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE __9__ Shall the regional Northern Penobscot Tech Region III career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 be approved in the amount of **\$2,057,996.15**?

APPROVED

1. **ARTICLE __10__** Shall the Northern Penobscot Tech Region III approve a budget for adult education in the amount of **\$43,900** for the year beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program, and shall Lowell raise **\$225.80** as its local share of the adult education budget for the career and technical education region.

APPROVED

ARTICLE __11__ Shall the Cooperative Board of the Northern Penobscot Career and Technical Education Region III be authorized to expend funds in the **Capital Reserve Account** for the purpose that such reserve account was created and, in an amount, not to exceed the lesser of **\$177,442.38** or the balance of such reserve account for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?

APPROVED

ARTICLE __12__ Shall the Cooperative Board of the Northern Penobscot Career and Technical Education Region III be authorized to create a new and expend funds in the **Salary/Benefits Reserve Account** for the purpose that such reserve account was created and, in the amount, not to exceed the lesser of **\$70,000** or the balance of such reserve account for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?

APPROVED

ARTICLE __13__ Shall Lowell be authorized to expend such additional 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?

The School Committee recommends a "Yes" vote.

APPROVED

ARTICLE __14__ To see what sum Lowell will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 from the school administrative 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.

Recommend **\$511,436.32**

APPROVED

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 6:19 PM.