

**WARRANT  
RETURN OF SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING**

**ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485**

Aroostook, ss.

State of Maine

To: Carroll Theriault, a constable in the Town of Madawaska, County and State  
aforementioned.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Madawaska, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Madawaska High School Cafeteria in said Town on Wednesday, the first day of **June, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.**, for the purpose of determining the Madawaska School Department Budget articles set forth below.

**ARTICLE 1A:** To choose a moderator to preside at the meeting.

MODERATOR: John Ezzy  
NOMINATION BY: Colin Jandreau  
SECONDED BY: Donald Chasse

**SO VOTED**

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATION: Pierrette Soucy  
SECONDED BY: David Morin

**MOTION BY BRIAN THIBEAULT MOVED TO ALLOW (2) NON-RESIDENTS TO SPEAK DURING THE SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING; SECONDED BY DONALD CHASSE. SO VOTED**

**NOTE: ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN THE COST CENTER CATEGORIES.**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see what sum the Madawaska School Department will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 2,651,727.00  
Finance Committee Recommends \$ 2,651,727.00**

MOTIONED BY: Chad Carter  
SECONDED BY: Jenny Bechard

**SO VOTED**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 819,211.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 819,211.00**

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy  
SECONDED BY: Ken Theriault Jr. **SO VOTED**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 201,860.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 201,860.00**

MOTIONED BY: Brian Bouley  
SECONDED BY: Jenny Bechard **SO VOTED**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 124,509.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 124,509.00**

MOTIONED BY: Chad Carter  
SECONDED BY: Jenny Bechard **SO VOTED**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 498,144.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 498,144.00**

MOTIONED BY: Merilda Plourde  
SECONDED BY: Becky Pelletier **SO VOTED**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 308,851.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 308,851.00**

MOTIONED BY: Becky Pelletier  
SECONDED BY: Brian Bouley **SO VOTED**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 362,190.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 362,190.00**

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy **SO VOTED**  
SECONDED BY: Jenny Bechard

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 516,565.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 516,565.00**

MOTIONED BY: Becky Pelletier **SO VOTED**  
SECONDED BY: Brian Bouley

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 805,146.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 805,146.00**

MOTIONED BY: Merilda Plourde **SO VOTED**  
SECONDED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. (*Food Service Transfer, School Nutrition Expenditures, Local Only*)

**School Committee Recommends \$ 101,006.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 101,006.00**

MOTIONED BY: Pierrette Soucy **SO VOTED**  
SECONDED BY: Chad Carter

**ARTICLE PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Town of Madawaska 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 \$ 5,118,335.44**) and to see what sum the Town of Madawaska 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 \$ 2,524,721.66)**

**School Committee Recommends \$ 5,118,335.44**  
**Finance Committee Recommends \$ 5,118,335.44**

*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.*

MOTIONED BY: Merilda Plourde  
SECONDED BY: Brian Bouley

**SO VOTED**

**DONALD CHASSE MOVED TO AMEND ARTICLE 11 TO REFLECT THE RECOMMENDED AMOUNT OF \$2,524,721.66; SECONDED BY CHAD CARTER; ALL IN FAVOR; AMENDED ARTICLE CARRIED.**

**ARTICLE 12:** (Written ballot required by statute.)

Shall the Town of Madawaska raise and appropriate \$ **883,867.56** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$91,019.21** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee recommends \$ **883,867.56** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$769,521.84**.

*The State of Maine's Essential Programs and Services (EPS) formula does not provide for the actual costs of operating expenses plus full costs of such as substitute teachers, supplies and equipment, professional development, athletics and co-curricular expenses, system administration/support, operation of plant and pupil transportation.*

*The EPS formula underestimates inflationary costs and salary ranges that are characteristic of a community or geographic area.*

*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 (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.*

MOTIONED BY: Becky Pelletier  
SECONDED BY: Pierrette Soucy

SO VOTED

52 YES      11 NO

**TOTAL BUDGET ARTICLE**  
**(as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A)) :**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see what sum the Town of Madawaska will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 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.

**School Committee Recommends    \$ 6,389,209.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends   \$ 6,389,209.00**

MOTIONED BY: Chad Carter  
SECONDED BY: Brian Bouley

SO VOTED

**ARTICLE 14:** To see sum the Town will appropriate (**Recommend: \$ 104,425.00**) for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016 and raise (**Recommend \$ 49,000**) as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of the Adult Education Program.

**School Committee Recommends    \$ 49,000.00**  
**Finance Committee Recommends   \$ 49,000.00**

MOTIONED BY: Ken Theriault Jr.  
SECONDED BY: Pierrette Soucy

SO VOTED

**DONALD CHASSE MOVED TO AMEND ARTICLE 14 TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR DATES FROM JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 TO BE JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; SECONDED CHAD CARTER. ALL IN FAVOR. AMENDED ARTICLE CARRIED.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see what sum the Town of Madawaska will appropriate from the ending balance of school general operating funds for the 2015-2016 year to establish a reserve for the School Department's unfunded liabilities.

**School Committee Recommends \$ 40,000.00**

*Explanation: As of June 30, 2015, the school department audit, completed by the firm of Chester M. Kearney, indicated a liability for unpaid contracts resulting in a deficit of \$243,303. The audit recommends: "The School Department should work to reduce its dependency on the use of fund balance in order to balance its budget and try to increase it incrementally over the coming years. Failure to do so will result in a significant tax increase or significant cuts once the fund balance is exhausted."*

*At the time of the above mentioned audit, the fund balance was \$142,589. Against advice, an additional sum of \$75,000 was used to fund the 2015-16 budget leaving \$67,589.*

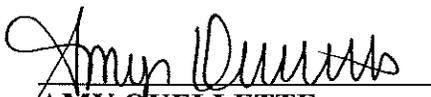
MOTIONED BY: Jenny Bechard  
SECONDED BY: Becky Pelletier **SO VOTED**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Brian Bouley  
SECONDED BY: Becky Pelletier **SO VOTED**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:20PM

COPIED BY: AMY OUELLETTE, TOWN CLERK  
JUNE 2, 2016

**A TRUE ATTESTED COPY:**

  
AMY OUELLETTE  
TOWN CLERK