

**WARRANT TO CALL REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18
BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. §§ 1485 and 1486)**

TO: Sharon Jolicoeur, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 18 composed of the Towns of Belgrade, China, Oakland, Rome and Sidney, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within Regional School Unit No. 18, namely, the Towns of Belgrade, China, Oakland, Rome and Sidney, that the Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at the J. Duke Albanese Performing Arts Center, Messalonskee High School, 131 Messalonskee High Drive, Oakland, Maine at 6:00 p.m. on June 18, 2015 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting articles set forth below.

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

**ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST
CENTER CATEGORIES**

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$15,616,282 for Regular Instruction?

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$4,292,977 for Special Education?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$550,000 for Career and Technical Education?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$706,208 for Other Instruction?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$4,003,557 for Student and Staff Support?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$796,795 for System Administration?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$1,831,452 for School Administration?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$2,135,141 for Transportation and Buses?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$3,313,251 for Facilities Maintenance?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$1,111,746 for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$25,000 for All Other Expenditures?

**ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Regional School Unit appropriate \$29,436,727 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 Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each 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?

Total Appropriated (by municipality):	Total raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):
Town of Belgrade: \$5,098,594	Town of Belgrade: \$5,098,594
Town of China: \$6,624,718	Town of China: \$3,360,341
Town of Oakland: \$9,602,459	Town of Oakland: \$4,192,936
Town of Rome: \$1,299,105	Town of Rome: \$1,299,105
Town of Sidney: \$6,811,850	Town of Sidney: \$3,145,373
School Regional School Unit Total Appropriated	School Regional School Unit Total Raised:
(Sum of above) \$29,436,727	(Sum of above) \$17,096,350

Explanation: The Regional School 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 the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Regional School Unit raise and appropriate \$66,750 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters for non-state-funded school construction projects and non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12?

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters.

ARTICLE 14: (Written ballot required.) Shall the Regional School Unit raise and appropriate \$3,302,883 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,615,036 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board?

The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$2,615,036.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School 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 fund the Regional School Unit's budget for educational programs. Additionally, class sizes at the elementary level are smaller than recognized by the Essential Programs and Services funding formula, funding is required for technology support and cocurricular and extracurricular activities.

Please note that of the total additional local amount raised in this article \$564,530 is to be assessed only to the Town of China to cover costs of tuition, insured value factor and summer teacher salaries and benefits pursuant to sections 8(A) and 13-C of the RSU 18 reorganization plan previously approved by the voters.


ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Regional School Unit authorize the School Board to expend \$34,382,409 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the Regional School 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?

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 16: To see if Regional School Unit No. 18 will appropriate \$67,043 for adult education and raise \$50,472 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.


Given under our hand this day, June 8, 2015, at Oakland, Maine

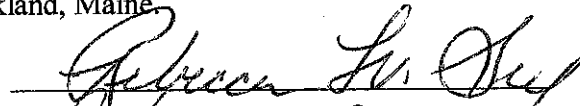


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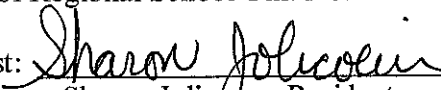


Rebecca L. Ouellet



Robert E. Bennett

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 18

A true copy of the Warrant, attest: 

Sharon Jolicœur, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 18