

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 5, 2023

Joel Lind, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

To R. Benjamin Frey, a resident for the Town of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Room in the Fire Station building at 86 River Road on Monday, the 5th day of June, A.D. 2023 at 6:00pm, then and there to act upon Article 1 though 17 as set out below;

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

-Ben Frey recommended Don Means to serve as moderator, seconded by Jesse Butler. The motion was voted on (by secret ballot) by attending residents resulting in a 13-0 vote. Article passed.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will appropriate **\$132,528.92** for Adult Education and raise **\$8,811.99** 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.

Requested Local Share	\$8,811.99
Selectmen Recommend	\$8,811.99

-Ben Frey made a motion to accept, seconded by Jesse Butler. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 13-0 vote. Article passed.

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,413,120.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,413,120.00

-Jesse Butler made a motion to accept, seconded by Ben Frey. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 13-0 vote. Article passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$221,871.81
Selectmen Recommend	\$221,871.81

-Ben Frey made a motion to accept, seconded by Jesse Butler. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 13-0 vote. Article passed.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$200.00
Selectboard Recommend	\$200.00

-Ben Frey made a motion to accept, seconded by Jesse Butler. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 13-0 vote. Article passed.

**Joel Lind requested a motion to combine Articles 6 through 13. Jesse Butler made a motion to accept, seconded by Ben Frey. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 6-3 vote. Motion passed. Articles 6 through 13 will be voted on as a combined vote.*

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends	\$5,823.48
Selectmen Recommends	\$5,823.48

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$70,884.14
Selectmen Recommend	\$70,884.14

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	\$78,497.48
Selectmen Recommend	\$78,497.48

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

-Ben Frey made a motion to accept (combined) Articles 6 through 13, seconded by Jesse Butler. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 13-0 vote. Articles 6 through 13 all passed.

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14 (Recorded vote): To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 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 § 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,781,396.91
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,781,396.91

- Jesse Butler made a motion to accept, seconded by Ben Frey. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 13-0 vote. Article passed.

ARTICLE 15 THROUGH 16 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

SCHOOL BUDGET FUNDING EXPLANATION

ARTICLE 15: Required Local (EPS) Raised Amount	\$ 894,615.09
ARTICLE 16: Additional Local Raise Amount	<u>\$ 431,811.10</u>
Total Local Funds Raised	\$1,326,426.19
Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 57,000.00
State Subsidy	<u>\$ 397,970.72</u>
Total School Budget Request	\$1,781,396.91

ARTICLE 15 (Recorded vote): To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (School Committee Recommends \$1,292,585.91) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essentials Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends	\$894,615.09
Selectmen Recommend	\$894,615.09

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in 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.

- Ben Frey made a motion to accept, seconded by Jesse Butler. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 12-0 vote. Article passed.

ARTICLE 16 (*Written ballot required*): To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommended \$431,811.10) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$431,811.10, as required to fund the budget recommend by the school committee.

The school committee recommends **\$431,811.10** for additional local funds and gives the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$431,811.10**:

School Committee Recommends	\$431,811.10
Selectmen Recommend	\$431,811.10

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 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 Town budget for educational programs.

-Ben Frey made a motion to accept, seconded by Jesse Butler. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 11-2 and 1 blank vote. Article passed.

Article 17: Shall the Newcastle School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as many be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for education purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends: Yes

-Jesse Butler made a motion to accept, seconded by Ben Frey. The motion was voted on by attending residents resulting in a 13-0 vote. Article passed.

- Don Means made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ben Frey. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Given under hands at Newcastle, Maine this 5th day of June, 2023.

Joel Lind
Chair, Select Board

Karen Paz
Vice-Chair, Select Board

Tor Glendinning
Select Board Member

Robert Nelson
Select Board Member

Thomas Kostenbader
Select Board Member