

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
For Secondary Education Budget
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

To R. Benjamin Frey, of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the 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 the town affairs, to meet at the Great Salt Bay Community School on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, A.D. 2024 immediately following the GSB Elementary School Budget Meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 thru 16 as set out below.

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

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,476,413
Select Board Recommends	\$1,476,413

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

School Committee Recommends	\$216,713.88
Select Board Recommends	\$216,713.88

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

School Committee Recommends	\$200.00
Select Board Recommends	\$200.00

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Select Board Recommends	\$0.00

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

School Committee Recommends	\$17,028.53
Select Board Recommends	\$17,028.53

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$59,178.22
Select Board Recommends	\$59,178.22

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

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Select Board Recommends	\$0.00

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	\$82,500.00
Select Board Recommends	\$82,500.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Select Board Recommends	\$0.00

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt service and other commitments.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Select Board Recommends	\$0.00

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for all other expenditures.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Select Board Recommends	\$0.00

ARTICLE 13 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 13 (*Recorded vote*): To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee 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 grade 9-12 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, unexpected balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,852,033.63
Select Board Recommends	\$1,852,033.63

ARTICLES 14 THRU 15 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

School Budget Funding Explanation

Article 14: Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount	\$ 940,466.22
Article 15: Additional Local Raise Amount	\$ 355,586.60
Total Local Funds Raised	\$ 1,296,052.82
Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 153,972.04
State Subsidy	\$ 402,008.77
Total School Budget Request	\$ 1,852,033.63

ARTICLE 14 (*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 \$1,342,474.99**) 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 Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends	\$940,466.22
Select Board Recommend	\$940,466.22

Explanation: 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 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 15 (*Written ballot required*): To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$355,586.60, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

School Committee Recommends	\$355,586.60
Select Board Recommends	\$355,586.60

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.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Newcastle 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 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
Select Board Recommends Yes

Given under our hands at Newcastle, Maine this 22nd day of April 2024.

Karen Paz, Chair

Joel Lind

Tor Glendinning

Thomas Kostenbader

Rufus Percy



Four horizontal lines for signatures, with handwritten signatures in blue ink.

A True and Attested Copy

By:

Michelle Cameron
Interim Town Clerk