

**WARRANT TO CALL REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 39
BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S.A. §1485)**

TO: Jane McCall, Superintendent of Schools of Regional School Unit No. 39 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the City of Caribou and the Town of Stockholm, 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. 39, namely, the City of Caribou, and the Town of Stockholm, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Caribou High School – Performing Arts Center, 308 Sweden Street in the City of Caribou, Maine at 5:30 P.M. on **May 22, 2024** 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: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$7,364,973.10

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$2,903,874.38

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$2,039,804.00

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$615,603.75

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$1,696,494.31

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$818,627.78

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$822,904.20

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$1,210,934.43

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$2,416,367.15

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$3,356,070.83

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition

Board of Directors Recommends: \$108,447.66

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

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum RSU No. 39 will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.

Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total raised (by municipality):	
City of Caribou:	\$16,296,334.48	City of Caribou:	\$2,707,911.00
Town of Stockholm:	\$263,298.16	Town of Stockholm:	\$120,594.34
RSU Total Appropriated (Sum of above)	\$16,559,632.64	RSU Total Raised: (Sum of above)	\$2,828,505.34

Explanation: RSU No. 39's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 RSU No. 39 must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by RSU No. 39 voters for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of RSU No. 39's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$186,098.00

ARTICLE 14: (Written ballot required). To see what sum RSU No. 39 will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$2,429,561.00**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$2,429,561.00**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors recommends **\$2,429,561.00** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$2,429,561.00**.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above RSU No. 39's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 RSU No. 39 budget for educational programs.

Regular Instruction
Student and Staff Support

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum RSU No. 39 will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2024** and ending **June 30, 2025** from RSU No. 39's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.

Board of Directors Recommends: \$23,354,101.59

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 16: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Board of Directors be authorized to expend other sums as may be received from federal or state grants 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?

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 17: To see if RSU No. 39 will appropriate **\$243,500** for adult education and raise **\$100,000** 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.

ARTICLE 18 - AUTHORIZES DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED

ARTICLE 18: To see if in the event that the RSU No. 39 receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?

ARTICLE 19 - AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 19: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$200,000 from unanticipated additional tuition revenues to the RSU School Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend such reserve funds for maintenance of plant and minor remodeling as may be needed at the School Board's discretion?

A true copy of the Warrant, attest: Jane McCall
Jane McCall, Superintendent
Regional School Unit No. 39

May 8, 2024