

**TOWN OF HOPE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
May 10, 2017**

TO: Adrian Humphreys, resident of the Town of Hope, in the County of Knox

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hope, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to appear in the **gym of the Hope Elementary School, 34 Highfield Road, in Hope, Maine on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM**, then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE: 1

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE: 2

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	<u>\$1,025,789</u>
Budget Committee Recommendation	0-6-0

Explanation:

<u>Regular Instruction K-8</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$1,011,032	\$1,028,778	(\$17,746)
 <u>Gifted and Talented</u>	 <u>17/18</u>	 <u>16/17</u>	 <u>Variance</u>
	\$14,757	\$10,702	\$4,055

ARTICLE: 3

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Special Education.

School Committee **Recommends** **\$ 470,929**
Budget Committee Recommendation 0-6-0

Explanation:

<u>Special Education Instruction</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$422,256	\$360,632	\$61,624

<u>Special Education Office</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$48,673	\$45,377	\$3,296

ARTICLE: 4

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee **Recommends** **\$ 0**
Budget Committee Recommendation 0-0-0

ARTICLE: 5

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Other Instruction.

School Committee **Recommends** **\$ 28,954**
Budget Committee Recommendation 0-6-0

Explanation:

<u>Co-curricular Activities</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$14,908	\$11,913	\$2,995

<u>Co-curricular Athletics</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$14,046	\$12,841	\$1,205

ARTICLE: 6

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee **Recommends** **\$ 240,289**
Budget Committee Recommendation 0-6-0

Explanation:

<u>Elementary Guidance</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$61,026	<u>16/17</u> \$60,538	<u>Variance</u> \$488
<u>Instructional Staff Training</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$13,222	<u>16/17</u> \$10,635	<u>Variance</u> \$2,587
<u>Elementary Library</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$36,803	<u>16/17</u> \$32,899	<u>Variance</u> \$3,904
<u>Instructional Technology</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$100,717	<u>16/17</u> \$76,233	<u>Variance</u> \$24,484
<u>Other Support Services</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$1,022	<u>16/17</u> \$1,022	<u>Variance</u> \$0
<u>Elementary Nursing Services</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$24,328	<u>16/17</u> \$13,271	<u>Variance</u> \$11,057
<u>Student Assessment</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$3,171	<u>16/17</u> \$3,205	<u>Variance</u> \$(34)

ARTICLE: 7

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for System Administration.

School Committee **Recommends** **\$ 105,939**
Budget Committee Recommendation 6-0-0

Explanation:

<u>School Committee</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$9,575	<u>16/17</u> \$9,575	<u>Variance</u> \$0
<u>Office of Superintendent</u>	<u>17/18</u> \$96,364	<u>16/17</u> \$90,362	<u>Variance</u> \$6,002

ARTICLE: 8

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends	<u>\$ 166,441</u>
Budget Committee Recommendation	0-6-0

Explanation:

<u>Office of Principal</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$166,441	\$160,064	\$6,377

ARTICLE: 9

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	<u>\$ 151,495</u>
Budget Committee Recommendation	6-0-0

Explanation:

<u>Transportation</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$151,495	\$97,689	\$53,806

ARTICLE: 10

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	<u>\$ 209,900</u>
Budget Committee Recommendation	0-6-0

Explanation:

<u>Operations & Maintenance</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$209,900	\$289,210	\$(79,310)

ARTICLE: 11

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends	<u>\$ 34,593</u>
Budget Committee Recommendation	6-0-0

Explanation:

<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$34,593	\$35,849	\$(1,256)

ARTICLE: 12

To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for All Other Expenditures; including School Lunch.

School Committee Recommends	<u>\$ 0</u>
Budget Committee Recommendation	0-0-0

ARTICLE: 13

(Recorded vote required; must record numerical vote tally) To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade Eight as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade Eight 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	<u>\$1,666,681 to be appropriated;</u>
School Committee Recommends	<u>\$1,053,185 to be raised</u>

Budget Committee Recommendation	1-5-0
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*State Mandated Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade Eight 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: 14

(Recorded vote required; must record numerical vote tally) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Town 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 the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade Eight.

School Committee Recommends	<u>\$34,593</u>
Budget Committee Recommendation	6-0-0

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

ARTICLE: 15

(Recorded vote required; must record numerical vote tally) To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend 636,636**), which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model (**Recommend exceeding by \$599,366**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

School committee **Recommends \$ 636,636** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services (EPS) funding model by **\$599,366**:

- Providing a wide range of mandated programs that prepare students for High School including Art, Music, Physical Education, French, Guidance, Special Education, Laboratory Research and Technology.
- Increasing curriculum development and coordination with Appleton, Lincolnville, and the CSD.
- Employing the best teaching and support staff and supporting their continuous growth and development.
- Stressing the emphasis on individualized and focused instruction that has made Hope Elementary School one of the highest achieving schools in the State.

Budget Committee Recommendation

0-6-0

State Mandated 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 Kindergarten to Grade Eight as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE: 16

(Recorded vote required; must record numerical vote tally) To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to appropriate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade Eight 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**

\$ 2,434,329

Budget Committee Recommendation

0-6-0


ARTICLE: 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to appropriate such other sums as may be received from federal and state grants or programs 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.

School Committee **Recommends a**
Budget Committee Recommendation

Yes Vote
0-0-0

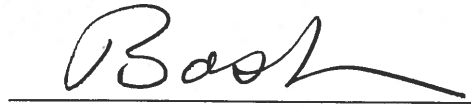
Given under our hands at said Hope, Maine, this 25th day of April 2017.



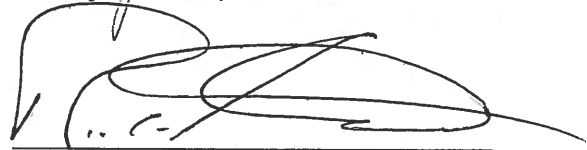
Brian Powers, Jr., Chair



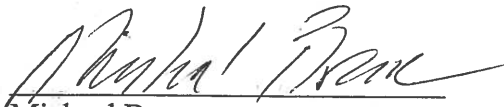
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