

**TOWN OF APPLETON
SPECIAL SCHOOL BUDGET TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Knox County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Darlene Starrett, a resident of the Town of Appleton, County of Knox, State of Maine:
You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Appleton qualified to vote in Town affairs, of the Special School Budget Town Meeting described in this Warrant.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF APPLETON:

You are hereby notified that a Special School Budget Town Meeting will be held at Appleton Village School, 737 Union Road, in the Town of Appleton on May 20, 2024 at 6 PM for the purpose of determining the school budget articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect by written ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

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

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$1,620,739** for Regular Instruction?

*School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 2-1 in favor*

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$961,903** for Special Education?

*School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 3-0 in favor*

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$0.00** for Career and Technical Education?

*School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor*

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$40,114** for Other Instruction?

*School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor
Budget Committee Vote: 3-0 in favor*

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$313,178** for Student and Staff Support?

School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 3-0 in favor

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$140,857** for System Administration?

School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 0-3 against

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$215,348** for School Administration?

School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 3-0 in favor

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$139,095** for Transportation and Buses?

School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$359,628** for Facilities Maintenance?

School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 3-0 in favor

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$53,962** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Appleton be authorized to expend **\$39,055** for All Other Expenditures?

School Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor

Budget Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

**ARTICLES 12 AND 13 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Appleton appropriate **\$2,044,258** for the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town of Appleton raise **\$662,157** as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade 8 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 (4-0 in favor): Appropriating **\$2,044,258** and Raising **\$662,157***

*Budget Committee Recommends: (5-0 in favor): Appropriating **\$2,044,258** and Raising **\$662,157***

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from PreK to grade 8 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 13: (Written ballot required) Shall the Town of Appleton raise and appropriate **\$1,431,659** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,392,604**?

*School Committee Recommends (4-0 in favor): Raising and appropriating **\$1,431,659** in Additional Local Funds, which exceeds EPS by **\$1,392,604**.*

*Budget Committee Recommends (2-1 in favor): Raising and appropriating **\$1,431,659** in Additional Local Funds, which exceeds EPS by **\$1,392,604**.*

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,392,604**: The essential programs and services funding model does not recognize all educational costs, such as Special Education, extra-curricular and co-curricular costs.

Explanation: \$354,000 of Unassigned Fund Balance as determined by the FY '23 audit has been applied to the FY '25 budget in order to offset costs to the taxpayers, is reflected in this article.

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 PreK to grade 8 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 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Appleton authorize the school committee to expend **\$3,883,879** 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 PreK to grade 8 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 (4-0 in favor): \$3,883,879

Budget Committee Recommends (3-0 in favor): \$3,883,879

ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 15: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the school committee be authorized to expend sums as may be received from federal or 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 yes vote (4-0 in favor)

Budget Committee Recommends a yes vote (5-0 in favor)

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES FROM THE FACILITY RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town authorize up to **\$200,000** in expenditures from the Facility Reserve Fund by vote of the School Committee to address space needs in the school?

School Committee Recommends a yes vote (4-0 in favor)

Budget Committee Recommends a no vote (0-5 against)

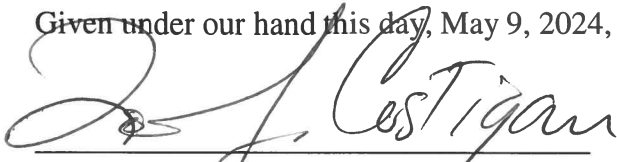
ARTICLE 17 TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE

Shall the Town of Appleton raise and appropriate \$53,962 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Town voters for non-state funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction 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 PreK to grade eight?

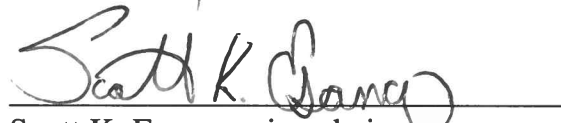
Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters.

*School Committee Recommends a yes vote (4-0 in favor)
The Budget Committee Recommends a yes vote (3-0 in favor)*

Given under our hand this day, May 9, 2024, at Appleton, Maine.

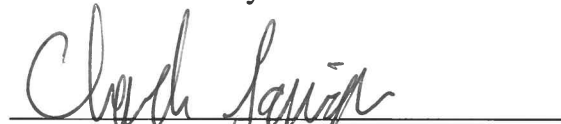


Lorie A. Costigan, chair



Scott K. Esancy, vice chair

Marcie L. Blakely




Charles D. Garrigan

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A majority of the municipal officers of the Town of Appleton

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Anita Wellman, Clerk
Town of Appleton