

**WARRANT TO CALL**  
**FIVE TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING**  
**(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Ellen Dowd, a resident of Five Town Community School District (the "District") composed of the Towns of Appleton, Camden, Hope, Lincolnville, and Rockport, 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 the District, namely, the Towns of Appleton, Camden, Hope, Lincolnville, and Rockport, that a District Budget Meeting will be held at Camden Rockport Middle School - Bisbee Theater, 34 Knowlton Street, Camden, Maine at 7:00 P.M. on May 11, 2026 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 the District will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$6,665,482**
- ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$2,623,341**
- ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$165,009**
- ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$928,747**
- ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,755,762**
- ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,353,308**
- ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for School Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$764,705**

- ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,084,767**
- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.  
**School Board Recommends \$3,072,911**
- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.  
**School Board Recommends \$646,142**
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.  
**School Board Recommends \$140,000**

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

- ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the District 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 and to see what sum the District will raise and assess as each municipality'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.  
**Recommended amounts set forth below:**

<b>Total Appropriated (by municipality):</b>		<b>Total Raised (and District assessments by municipality):</b>	
Town of Appleton	\$ 1,085,408.24	Town of Appleton	\$ 379,655.08
Town of Camden	\$ 3,375,329.65	Town of Camden	\$ 3,375,329.65
Town of Hope	\$ 1,133,050.21	Town of Hope	\$ 644,796.09
Town of Lincolnville	\$ 1,751,360.06	Town of Lincolnville	\$ 1,360,885.72
Town of Rockport	\$ 3,011,800.74	Town of Rockport	\$ 2,991,894.52
<b>Total Appropriated (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 10,356,948.90</b>	<b>Total Raised (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 8,752,561.06</b>

*Explanation: The District'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 the District must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the District 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 District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12.

**School Board Recommends \$646,141.79**

*Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the District and CTE Region'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 District and CTE Region's voters.*

**ARTICLE 14:** **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$4,993,724.36**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$4,993,724.36**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$4,993,724.36, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$4,993,724.36.

The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: Those budget items not fully funded by the State that require local funding represent a broad array of existing programs including drama, athletics, instrumental and vocal music, art, photography, and Advanced Placement courses. In addition, supplemental local funding is needed for community use of the facilities occurring outside of the regular school day.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the District'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 District budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see what sum the District will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the District'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, local funds for 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 Board Recommends \$19,200,174**

**ARTICLE 16 RAISES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the District will raise and appropriate **\$62,150** for the school nutrition program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program.

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

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the District will appropriate **\$527,462** for adult education and raise **\$263,499** 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 EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 18:** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board 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 school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

**ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the Region 8 cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 be approved in the amount of **\$6,366,962?**

Local share from this District is: **\$165,009.97**

Local share from this District for Region 8 debt service is: **\$646,141.79**

**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the career and technical education region will appropriate **\$273,395** for Adult Education for the year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and raise **\$94,000** 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.

Local share from this District is: **\$34,268.77**

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES AN EXPENDITURE FROM  
THE SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the School Board be authorized to expend up to **\$75,000** from the Special Education Reserve Fund for unexpected private special education placements?

**ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES AN EXPENDITURE FROM  
THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

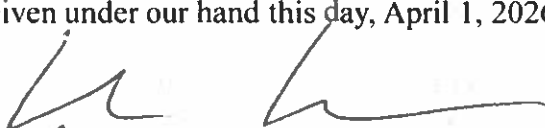


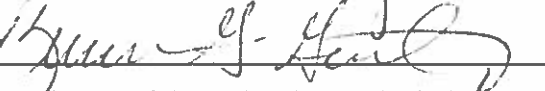
**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$1,000,000** from unexpended balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend up to **\$300,000** from said reserve fund for the capital items set forth below and for other unexpected or emergency school facility capital needs:


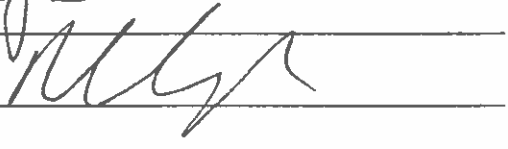

Capital Improvement	Estimated Cost
New Intercom System	\$ 58,000
Propane Tank Array	\$ 55,000
Total	\$ 113,000

**ARTICLE 23 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS**

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

Given under our hand this day, April 1, 2026 at Rockport, Maine.

  
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A majority of the School Board of Five Town Community School District

A true copy of the Warrant, attest: Ellen Dowd  
Ellen Dowd, Resident  
Five Town Community School District