

Sample Agenda Items for Remote Public Hearing on Budget in Lieu of Budget Meeting

[NOTE: PART 1 OF THIS AGENDA PRESENTS THE STATUTORY BUDGET ARTICLES TO THE REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION/INPUT AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

PART 2 OF THIS AGENDA CONSISTS OF THE WARRANT AND BALLOT QUESTIONS]

1. School Budget Articles for FY 2020-2021

The School Board of the District has proposed a school operating budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Pursuant to Order of the Governor, the budget meeting where these articles are presented has been replaced by a remote public hearing. The budget recommended by the School Board consists of the following **Articles 1 through**____. Together, these articles constitute the proposed school operating budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be presented to the voters as Question 1 at a budget referendum election scheduled for **July 14, 2020**.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

Proposed Expenditures by Cost Center		
ARTICLE 1:	Regular Instruction	\$
ARTICLE 2:	Special Education	\$
ARTICLE 3:	Career and Technical Education	\$
ARTICLE 4:	Other Instruction	\$
ARTICLE 5:	Student and Staff Support	\$
ARTICLE 6:	System Administration	\$
ARTICLE 7:	School Administration	\$
ARTICLE 8:	Transportation and Buses	\$
ARTICLE 9:	Facilities Maintenance	\$
ARTICLE 10:	Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$
ARTICLE 11:	All Other Expenditures	\$
	Total School Operating Budget	\$ _____

STATE SUBSIDY AND LOCAL TAX REVENUES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: The School Board recommends that the District appropriate the amounts set forth below for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and raise and assess the amounts set forth below as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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):**

Town of \$

Town of \$

**Total Appropriated
(sum of above)**

\$

**Total Raised (and District assessments by
municipality):**

Town of \$

Town of \$

**Total Raised
(sum of above)**

\$

State Mandated Explanation: The District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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 the District must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

OTHER LOCAL TAX REVENUES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE __: *[For use only by SAUs that have this Article]* The School Board recommends that the District 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 kindergarten to grade 12.

State Mandated Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the District'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 voters.

ARTICLE __: *[For use only by SAUs that have this article; consult legal counsel if uncertain]* The School Board recommends that the District raise and appropriate \$_____ to transfer to the school nutrition program.

ARTICLE __: *[For use by SAUs that raise additional local]* The School Board recommends that the District raise and appropriate \$_____ in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$_____ as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$_____:

[INSERT REASONS]

State Mandated 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 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 the District budget for educational programs.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE __: The School Board recommends that the District authorize the School Board to expend \$_____ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 from the District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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.

2. Referendum Questions for Warrants and Ballots

The following school budget and other questions will be submitted to referendum on July 14, 2020:

Question 1: **School Budget.** Shall Maine School Administrative District No. 35 appropriate the sum of \$_____ *[insert total school operating budget]* and raise the sum of \$ _____ *[insert all local tax dollars for school operating budget]* for the 2020-2021 school budget?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.

VOTER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1

The *[NAME OF DISTRICT]* school budget submitted in this Question 1 totals \$_____. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of \$_____, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the District's cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the maximum state and local spending target by \$_____. *[INSERT AMOUNT BY WHICH ALL LOCAL TAX DOLLARS EXCEEDS EPS (TYPICALLY, THE ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS PORTION)]* This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$
Special Education	\$
Career and Technical Education	\$
Other Instruction	\$
Student and Staff Support	\$
System Administration	\$
School Administration	\$
Transportation and Buses	\$
Facilities Maintenance	\$

Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$
All Other Expenditures	\$
Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:	\$

Question 2: **District Adult Ed Program.** Shall the District be authorized to appropriate \$_____ for adult education and raise \$ 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?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote.

[ADD OTHER APPLICABLE WARRANT/BALLOT QUESTIONS, IF ANY]