

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 4
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: Ashley Getchell, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 4: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of Sabattus of the Public Hearing described in this Notice of Public Hearing.


TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SABATTUS: Take notice that the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 4 shall conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with the following schedule:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
May 14, 2025	6:30 P.M.	Oak Hill High School, 56 School Road, Wales

The Public Hearing shall be conducted on the following article, which will be the subject of a referendum vote on June 10, 2025.

Article 1: Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit Number 4 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?

Signed and dated at Wales, Maine, on April 16, 2025.



Robert Gayton, Jr.



Theresa Madore



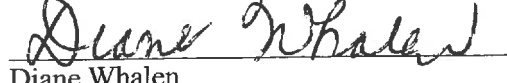
Matthew Earley



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Kristy Ouellette, PhD



Diane Whalen

(vacant/Sabattus)




Nicole Russell



Douglas Bumpus II

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 4

A true copy of the Notice of Public Hearing,
attest:



Ashley Getchell, Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 4

**WARRANT TO CALL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 4 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Ashley Getchell, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 4 (the "RSU") composed of the Towns of Litchfield, Sabattus, and Wales, 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 RSU, namely, the Towns of Litchfield, Sabattus, and Wales, that a RSU Budget Meeting will be held at Oak Hill High School, 56 School Road, Wales, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 14, 2025 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 RSU will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$8,079,012.00

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$5,425,448.00

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$8,218.00

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$598,508.00

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends \$2,596,791.00

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends \$801,197.00

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Board Recommends \$1,151,991.00

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends \$1,424,412.00

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Board Recommends \$3,224,494.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Debt Service & Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$0.00

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
School Board Recommends \$0.00

ARTICLES 12 AND 13
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the RSU 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 the RSU 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 (and RSU assessments by municipality):	
Town of Litchfield	\$6,251,975.94	Town of Litchfield	\$3,022,753.33
Town of Sabattus	\$8,693,618.69	Town of Sabattus	\$2,680,340.00
Town of Wales	\$3,087,217.43	Town of Wales	\$983,015.00
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$18,032,812.06	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$6,686,108.33

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

ARTICLE 13: (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the RSU will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$4,444,259.00**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$4,444,259.00**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends **\$4,444,259.00**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$4,444,259.00** due to inequities in the EPS funding formula, including but not limited to the regional labor market adjustment factor, student/teacher ratios, extra and co-curricular programs and administrative costs.

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

ARTICLE 14
SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the RSU will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the RSU'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, local funds for non-state-funded school construction debt services, 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 \$23,310,071.00

ARTICLE 15
RAISES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

ARTICLE 15: To see if the RSU will raise and appropriate **\$132,530.00** 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 16

AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 16: To see if the RSU will appropriate **\$89,435.00** for adult education and raise **\$38,858.00** 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 17


AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 17: In addition to the 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 18 ESTABLISHES A NEW CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 18: Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining school facilities and acquiring capital equipment; to transfer up to **\$150,000** from available fund balances at the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year to the Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund in the discretion of the School Board during the upcoming fiscal year?

Given under our hand this day, April 16, 2025 at Wales, Maine




Nicole Russell



Matt Earley



Kristy Ouellette, PhD



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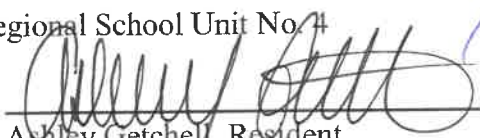
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A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Ashley Getchell, Resident
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