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OFFICIAL BALLOT
WELLS-OGUNQUIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WELLS, MAINE
DISTRICT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
JUNE 8, 2021



Helena Ackerson
Chair of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District School Committee

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ Fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like this : ●
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not spoil your ballot by erasing or crossing out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Question 1: Do you favor approving the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District #18 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest district budget meeting?

Yes

No

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

WARRANT

For District Budget Meeting
Wells-Ogunquit Community School District

To: Marianne Goodine, Michele Noble and Sharma Damren, residents of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District in York County and the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District affairs, to meet at Ward Gymnasium, Wells Junior High School, 1470 Post Road, in the Town of Wells, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June, A.D., 2021, at 6:00 in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 12 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

Article 2 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$10,894,967.50

Article 3 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$4,286,900.53

Article 4 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$9,000.00

Article 5 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction including summer school and extra-curricular instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$942,494.89

Article 6 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,566,011.66

Article 7 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$776,074.89

Article 8 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,456,744.97

Article 9 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,471,090.09

Article 10 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,994,081.38

Article 11 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,619,193.66

Article 12 To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures including school lunch.

School Committee Recommends: \$215,755.68

ARTICLES 13 THROUGH 17 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 13 To see what sum the District will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten 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 kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15688. Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated by municipality		Total raised (and District assessments by municipality)	
Town of Wells:	\$13,156,365.57	Town of Wells:	\$11,859,937.29
Town of Ogunquit:	\$3,545,491.61	Town of Ogunquit:	\$3,196,118.85
School District Total		School District Total	
Appropriated:		Raise:	
(Sum of above)	<u>\$16,701,857.18</u>	(Sum of above)	<u>\$15,056,056.14</u>

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.

Article 14 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 kindergarten to grade 12.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,619,193.66

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 15: To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate to transfer to the school nutrition program.

School Committee Recommends: \$175,000.00

Article 16 (Written ballot required) To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$8,706,264.41 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$8,706,264.41) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee.

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee recommends \$8,706,264.41 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$8,706,264.41.

Explanation: The Essential Programs and Services Funding Act does not recognize capital improvements, food service subsidy and curriculum based excursions (field trips). Items not fully recognized include energy costs, transportation, special education costs, extra and co-curricular expenditures, student support services such as school nurses, social workers, librarians, and technology. It also does not acknowledge staffing costs that allow the district to offer our learners literacy support, advanced placement courses, electives, allied arts, technology education, alternative education as well as the salary, benefit and professional development costs for all staff in the District.

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.

ARTICLE 17 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 17 To see what sum the District will authorize the Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 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, §15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$28,232,315.25

ARTICLE 18 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Article 18 In addition to amounts authorized in Articles 2 through 17, shall the School Committee be authorized pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. §1706 to transfer up to \$750,000.00 from undesignated balances at the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established by District voters and shall the School Committee be further authorized to expend up to \$150,000.00 from this reserve fund for capital projects deemed necessary by the Superintendent?

School Committee Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 19 RAISES FUNDS TO EXPEND FOR THE ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

ARTICLE 19 To see what sum the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District will appropriate for Adult Community Education and to see what sum the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District will 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 Committee recommends an appropriation of \$297,088.38 and to raise the local share of \$212,240.50

ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 20 In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such 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: Approval

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2021




Helena Ackerson, Chair



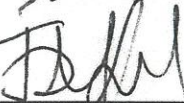
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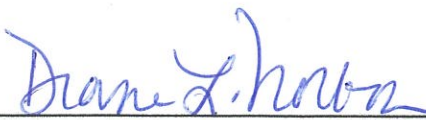
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Aneliya Georgieva-Petrov

Wells-Ogunquit Community School District School Committee

A true copy of the warrant: Attest:



Diane L. Norton

A resident of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District