WARRANT TO CALL MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 35 BUDGET MEETING (20-A M.R.S.A. 1305-B)

To: Randy Stewart, a resident of Maine School Administrative District No. 35 composed of the Towns of Eliot and South Berwick, 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 Maine School Administrative District No. 35, namely the Towns of Eliot and South Berwick, that a District Budget Meeting will be held at Marshwood High School, 260 Route 236, South Berwick, Maine at 7:00 P.M. on May 29, 2013 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.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $12,133,496.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all elementary and secondary instruction, the gifted and talented program, and the ESL program.

ARTICLE #2. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $3,426,749.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all special education services.

ARTICLE #3. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $151,100.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all vocational education services.

ARTICLE #4. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $720,699.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all the co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

ARTICLE #5. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $2,441,852.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all student and staff support services such as, guidance, nursing, library, curriculum and staff development, technology, and assessment.

ARTICLE #6. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $706,744.

Explanation: This article provides funding for central administration including the School Board, Superintendent, and Business Office.

ARTICLE #7. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $1,586,708.

Explanation: This article provides funding for school building administration.

ARTICLE #8. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $1,796,752.

Explanation: This article provides funding for all student transportation to and from school, including special needs students, out of district placements, and transportation to vocational education centers, and athletic team transportation and classroom fieldtrips.

ARTICLE #9. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $3,255,630.

Explanation: This article provides funding for the maintenance and operation of all school buildings and grounds including custodial services, building repairs, utilities, insurance, building security, and minor construction projects.

ARTICLE #10. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $1,774,666.

Explanation: This article provides funding for the debt service on the high school and middle school construction bonds and the qualify school construction bond..

ARTICLE #11. To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $135,000.

Explanation: This article provides funding for the School Board contingency fund.

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 15 RAISE FUNDS TO EXPEND FOR THE SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE #12. 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, section 15688 (Recommend amount set forth below):

The Board of School Directors Recommends the amounts set forth below:

Total appropriated (by municipality):		Total raised (by municipality):	
Town of Eliot:	**$10,252,197.79**	Town of Eliot:	**$6,712,241.50**
Town of South Berwick:	**$14,257,000.83**	Town of South Berwick:	**$5,436,538.50**
School District Total Appropriated:	**$24,509,198.62**	School District Total Raised:	**$12,148,780.00**

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 #13. To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body 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.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $387,870.

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 for the Middle School addition and HVAC renovations was previously approved by the voters.

ARTICLE #14. Shall the District raise and appropriate $2,661,890 additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by $2,463,278 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board of Directors?

The Board of School Directors Recommends $2,661,780 in additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model:

- Instead of providing funding to ensure all students met the Maine Learning Results, as originally envisioned, the EPS funding formula has become a cost containment mechanism.
- The EPS funding formula is based on statewide average costs for supplies and services and does not adjust for local cost variations.
- EPS funds only about 1/3 of our athletic or co-curricular program costs.
- For the safety of our students we provide more extensive transportation services than recognized by the EPS formula.
- Because of the importance we place on students and staff learning to use technology, we spend more on technology than the EPS formula requires.
- For the safety and welfare of our students, we provide a nurse in each school building, the EPS formula does not allow for a nurse in each building.
- To facilitate and enhance the opportunity for our students to maximize their educational experience we provide a greater level of counseling services than required by the EPS funding formula.
- Despite all of the above, MSAD35 spends $500 less per student than the state average on instructional services.

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 debt service payment on previously approved non-state-funded school construction projects, the non-state-funded portions of school construction projects, and minor capital projects that will help achieve the District's budget for educational programs and will be assessed pursuant to the cost sharing formula approved by the voters on November 7, 2006.

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE #15. To see what sum the District will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 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.

The Board of School Directors Recommends $28,129,397.

ARTICLE 16 RAISES FUNDS TO EXPEND FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

ARTICLE #16. To see if the District will appropriate **$75,456** for Adult Education and raise **$75,456** 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.

The Board of School Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE BOARD TO EXPEND ADDITIONAL STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

ARTICLE #17. In addition to the amounts in Articles 1 through 16, shall the District authorize the Board of Directors to expend such additional State, Federal and Other Funds received during the 2013 -14 fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other services do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

The Board of Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE #18. Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to transfer up to **$0** from undesignated fund balance at the end of the 2012-13 fiscal year to the capital reserve fund and expend up to **$200,000** from the capital reserve fund to be used for capital projects and emergency repairs.

The Board of School Directors recommends a "YES" vote.

Explanation: The Capital Reserve Account established in 2006 for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects, facility upgrades, emergency repairs, and capital equipment purchases has a current balance of $250,000. Voter approval would allow the district to fund emergency repairs as necessary.

Given under our hand this day, May 1, 2013 at South Berwick, Maine.

A majority of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 35

A true copy of the Warrant, Attest _____

Dr. Mary C. Nash, Superintendent
Maine School Administrative District No. 35

RETURN

York County, ss. State of Maine

TO: The Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 35

DATE: May 3, 2013

I certify that I have notified the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 35 of the time and place of the District Budget Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant and notice of election as follows:

	TIME(S)	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)
Town of Eliot	9:00 A.M.	MAY 3, 2013	TOWN HALL
Town of South Berwick	10:00 A.M.	MAY 3, 2013	TOWN HALL

Being at least seven days prior to the District Budget Meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said towns.

Dated: May 3, 2013

Randy Stewart, Resident of
Maine School Administrative District No. 35