

Warrant to Call
Regional School Unit No. 48 Great Salt Bay District Budget Meeting
(20-A M.R.S.A. §1485)

To Constable, appointed by the Town of Bremen;
To Constable, appointed by the Town of Damariscotta;
To Constable, appointed by the Town of Newcastle; In the County of Lincoln and State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify the voters of Regional School Unit #48 Great Salt Bay, namely the Towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, and Newcastle, of said Regional School Unit, to meet in the Gym of Great Salt Bay Community School, 559 Main Street, Damariscotta, Maine, in the said Town of Damariscotta, on **Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 2026, beginning at six-thirty in the evening (6:30 pm)** to act on Articles 1 through 19 of this warrant, to wit:

ARTICLE 1A: To choose a Moderator to preside at said 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.
RSU Board Recommends: \$7,513,050.91
- ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
RSU Board Recommends: \$2,880,285.84
- ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
RSU Board Recommends: \$100.00
- ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
RSU Board Recommends: \$234,951.81
- ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
RSU Board Recommends: \$602,439.71
- ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
RSU Board Recommends: \$466,903.01
- ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
RSU Board Recommends: \$442,541.68
- ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
RSU Board Recommends: \$797,467.93
- ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
RSU Board Recommends: \$961,383.38
- ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
RSU Board Recommends: \$125,000.00
- ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
RSU Board Recommends: \$30,000.00

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ARTICLES 12 & 13 RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12 (*Recorded vote*): To see what sum RSU 48 Great Salt Bay 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 District 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, §15688.

RSU Board Recommends amounts set forth below:

Town:	Total Appropriated (by Municipality):		Total Raised (District Assessment by Municipality):
Bremen	\$1,340,586.17	Bremen	\$1,340,586.17
Damariscotta	\$4,311,419.26	Damariscotta	\$2,962,684.16
Newcastle	\$3,399,893.09	Newcastle	\$2,288,765.25
Total Appropriated (sum of above):	\$9,051,898.52	Total Raised (sum of above):	\$6,592,035.58

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

ARTICLE 13 (*Written ballot required*): To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend **\$4,542,225.75**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$4,542,225.75**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the RSU Board.

(The RSU Board Recommends **\$4,542,225.75** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$4,542,225.75**):

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 8 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's budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14 (*Recorded vote*): To see what sum the District will authorize the RSU 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 pre-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.

RSU Board Recommends: **\$14,054,124.27**

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Article 12 Required Local (EPS) Amount:	\$6,592,035.58
Article 13 Additional Local Amount:	\$4,542,225.75
Fund Balance Forward:	\$300,000.00
State Subsidy:	\$2,459,862.94
Other Revenues:	\$160,000.00
Total School Budget Request:	\$14,054,124.27

Explanation: A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 for RSU 48 Great Salt Bay. The amount must be the gross budget of the school system. This article does not provide money unless the other articles are approved.

ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 15: To see if RSU 48 will appropriate **\$224,013.91** for adult education and raise **\$67,190.72** 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 town breakdown, percentages defined before the articles are voted on, is:

Bremen: \$9,950.95

Damariscotta: \$32,002.94

Newcastle: \$25,236.83

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM MAJOR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 16: Shall the School Committee be authorized to transfer up to **\$300,000.00** from available fund balances into the Major Capital Reserve Fund and to expend from the Major Capital Reserve Fund as needed within the purpose of said reserve fund, at the discretion of the Board?

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 17: Shall the RSU 48 Great Salt Bay 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 education purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS BETWEEN COST CENTERS

ARTICLE 18: 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?

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