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House of Representatives, January 7, 2026

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Senator: RENY of Lincoln.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. P&SL 1953, c. 156, §3, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 2023, c. 12, §1, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Board of trustees; district school committee. Except as provided by this Act, the board of trustees and district school committee have the duties and authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105. The board of trustees ~~may~~ shall act as a building and facilities governing committee and has authority over capital expenditures and the district's capital reserve fund, including authority in consultation with the district school committee over the budget for maintaining, repairing, replacing and improving the community school district's buildings and other facilities and ~~over the district's capital reserve funds for noninstructional capital purchases.~~ The board and the district school committee shall jointly create bylaws or procedures as necessary to further assist them in the understanding of and execution of their duties and responsibilities to the community school district. The Notwithstanding Title 20-A, section 1651, subsection 4, the community school district may not vote in accordance with Title 20-A, section 1651, subsection 4 to have the district school committee perform the duties of the board of trustees.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1953, c. 156, §5, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 2023, c. 12, §1, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Borrowing authority; voter authorization. Except as provided by this Act, the board of trustees has the authority to borrow pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1651, subsection 2, paragraph E. Capital project bonds or notes of the community school district that are general obligations must be approved by the district voters. The board of trustees shall issue a warrant to initiate a district ~~referendum~~ meeting on a general obligation capital bond issue of \$250,000 or more ~~and a warrant to initiate either a district meeting or district referendum on a general obligation bond issue in an amount of less than \$250,000.~~

Sec. 3. P&SL 1953, c. 156, §6, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 2023, c. 12, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 6. Budget approval. The board of trustees shall prepare the revenues and expenditures for the capital portion of the budget in accordance with section 3. The district school committee shall prepare the revenues and expenditures for the operating portion of the budget. The district school committee shall integrate the capital and operating portions of the budget into cost centers in accordance with the cost center summary budget format and shall submit the budget to the budget meeting for the budget validation referendum procedure under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105, subchapter 3. The board of trustees may prepare other articles related to capital needs, such as capital reserve fund articles, for the budget meeting. The district school committee shall include these articles in the warrant for the budget meeting.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District to require the district's board of trustees to act as a building and facilities governing committee. It reserves authority over capital expenditures and the district's capital reserve

1 fund for the board of trustees and prohibits the district from voting to have the district
2 school committee perform the duties of the board of trustees. It directs the board of trustees
3 and the district school committee to jointly create bylaws or procedures as necessary.

4 It removes language requiring the board of trustees to issue a warrant to initiate either
5 a district meeting or district referendum on a general obligation bond issue in an amount of
6 less than \$250,000.

7 It directs the board of trustees to prepare the revenues and expenditures for the capital
8 portion of the budget and the district school committee the operating portion. The district
9 school committee is directed to integrate those portions and submit the budget to the budget
10 meeting for the budget validation referendum procedure.