

**Annual Budget Meeting
May 24, 2017
Freeport High School Gymnasium**

Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson officially called to order the Annual Budget Meeting for Regional School Unit No. 5 at 6:35 P.M. and provided a brief overview of the budget.

Pledge of Allegiance

Article 1A: Board Chair Ms. Ritcheson nominated Mr. Gregory Im for Moderator. Board member Ms. Parker seconded the nomination. No further nominations occurred and Mr. Im was elected by unanimous vote. Superintendent Foley swore in Mr. Im.

Mr. Im welcomed all to the meeting and explained the following:

- Must be a registered voter to vote. Raise your card to vote.
- The packets of budget information are located in the entry way;
- Recording Secretary is Cynthia Alexander;
- Mr. Im asked to allow the following administrators in RSU5 who live outside Durham, Freeport or Pownal be allowed to speak at this meeting: Will Pidden, Hiram Sibley, Julie Nickerson, Jen Gulko, Lisa Demick, Kim Austin, Cynthia Alexander, Bonnie Violette, Dennis Ouellette, Seth Thompson, Darren Carter and Michelle Lickteig. There were no objections to letting these people speak.
- The Maine Moderators Manual will be used as a guideline.
- Speakers must come to the center microphone for discussion, state their name and town of residence;
- If you wish to end debate on a motion say, "I move the previous question". This requires a 2/3 vote;
- There will be no amendments to amendments to motions;
- Vote will be by show of cards;
- Article 15 requires a written ballot.

ARTICLE 1: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Board Recommends \$3,137,669

Hand Vote – Yes: Article 1 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 2: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Board Recommends \$1,537,851

Hand Vote – Yes: Article 2 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 3: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board Recommends \$4,825,085

Hand Vote – Yes: Article 3 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 4: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$574,091
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 4 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 5: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
School Board Recommends \$374,829
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 5 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 6: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$12,572,199

A motion was made by Christine Lyons, Freeport, to add \$73,368 to Article 6. Seconded from the floor.

A motion was made from the floor to call the vote. Seconded from the floor.

Hand Vote: motion fails

A motion was made from the floor to call the vote on the amendment. Seconded from the floor.

Hand Vote: motion passes

A motion was made by Kevin Nadeau, Durham, to move to a written ballot. Seconded from the floor.

Hand Vote: motion passes.

Written Ballot on amendment- Yes 70, No 46

Amendment passes

Hand Vote – Yes: Article 6 Passes as Amended

ARTICLE 7: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$760,097
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 7 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 8: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends \$841,731
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 8 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 9: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends \$1,486,226
 Hand Vote – Yes: Article 9 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 10: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$1,644,542
 Hand Vote – Yes: Article 10 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 11: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$4,379,996
 Hand Vote – Yes: Article 11 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 12: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded to see what sum the Regional School Unit 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 Regional School Unit 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.

Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):	
Town of Durham	\$ 7,621,675.54	Town of Durham	\$ 2,928,166.17
Town of Freeport	\$ 11,560,225.09	Town of Freeport	\$ 11,560,225.09
Town of Pownal	\$ 2,056,213.77	Town of Pownal	\$ 1,745,183.17
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 21,238,114.40	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 16,233,574.33

Hand Vote – Yes: Article 12 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 13: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit 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 Regional School Unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.
School Board Recommends \$372,490
 Hand Vote – Yes: Article 13 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 14: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local dollars in support of the school nutrition program.
School Board Recommends \$373,429
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 14 Passes as Written

ARTICLE 15: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$8,518,194**), which allow this budget to exceed the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$7,615,841.15**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends **\$8,518,194** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$7,615,841.15**. The State’s Essential Program and Services funding formula is a minimum model to support education in grades K-12. RSU No. 5 provides additional funds to support lower student/teacher ratios and additional co-curricular activities in addition to complete educational programs for all our students.

Moderator suggests that amounts recommended may be increased to adjust for increase to Article 6.

Moderator explains that this would bring the new amount exceeding the State’s Essential Program and Services funding formula to \$7,689,209.15.

Mr. Ritcheson moved the amounts of additional local funds stated. Ms. Parker second.
Additional local funds **\$8,591,562**

Written Ballot- Yes Article 15 Passes as Amended
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ARTICLE 16: Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded to see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the Regional School Unit’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.
School Board Recommends \$32,134,317

The motion was made by Ms. Ritcheson to adopt Article 16 in the amount of \$32,207,685 to adjust for increase to Article 6, Ms. Parker seconded.

Hand Vote – Yes: Article 16 Passes as Amended

- ARTICLE 17:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that in the event that the RSU receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all of the additional state subsidy to decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 17 Passes as Written
- ARTICLE 18:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that in addition to amounts approved in the preceding questions, 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 purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 18 Passes as Written
- ARTICLE 19:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit appropriate **\$237,229** for adult education with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program and raise **\$103,000** as the local share?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 19 Passes as Written
- ARTICLE 20:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 be approved in the amount of **\$2,302,837**?
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 20 Passes as Written
- ARTICLE 21:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$922,000** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend up to **\$1,031,708** from said Capital Reserve Fund to fund a portion of the total track and field project costs previously authorized by the voters, as well as to fund costs of maintenance of plant and remodeling under authority of 20-A MRSA §4001?
School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote
Hand Vote – Yes: Article 21 Passes as Written

Mr. Im reminded the body of the June 13, 2017 referendum vote.

Moved by Ms. Ritcheson, seconded by Ms. Parker to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.



Greg Im, Moderator



Date