

**Annual Budget Meeting  
May 25, 2016  
Durham Community School Gymnasium**

Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson officially called to order the Annual Budget Meeting for Regional School Unit No. 5 at 6:36 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. No further nominations occurred and Mr. Im was elected by unanimous vote. Mr. Im was sworn in by Superintendent McDonough.

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

- Must be a registered voter to vote. Raise your hand/orange card to vote.
- The bathrooms are in the hall;
- Three green packets of budget information are located in the entry way;
- Recording Secretary is Ginny McManus;
- 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, Mike Lafortune, Bonnie Violette, Dennis Ouellette, and Seth Thompson. There were no objections to letting these people speak.
- The Maine Moderators Manual will be used as a guideline. No objections were heard.
- Questions will be addressed to the Moderator;
- 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 hands/cards; and
- 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, **3,034,814.00**

**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, **\$1,501,738.00**

**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, **\$4,601,454.00**

**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, **\$542,107.00**

**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, **\$226,629.00**

**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, **\$12,088,185.00**

**Hand Vote – Yes: Article 6 Passes as Written**

**ARTICLE 7:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Other Instruction, **\$738,862.00**

**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, **\$784,704.00**

**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, **\$1,522,706.00**

**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, **\$1,671,693.00**

**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, **\$4,195,780.00**

**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):

Town of Durham: \$ 7,766,923.50

Town of Freeport: \$11,933,159.44

Town of Pownal: \$ 2,040,902.94

**Regional School Unit Total**

**Appropriated**

**(Sum of above) \$21,740,985.88**

Total raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):

Town of Durham: \$ 2,906,936.67

Town of Freeport: \$11,297,960.00

Town of Pownal: \$ 1,625,831.67

**Regional School Unit**

**Total Raised:**

**(Sum of above) \$15,830,728.34**

**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.

**Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$339,736.00**

**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 to appropriate the sum of (**Recommend \$225,229.00**) in additional local dollars in support of the school nutrition program.

**Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$225,229.00**

**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 \$7,502,330**), which allows this budget to exceed the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$7,045,132**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board.

The Regional School Unit Board recommends \$7,502,330 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$7,045,132: **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, additional co-curricular activities in addition to complete educational programs for all our students.**

**Written Ballot (required) - Yes –147 / No - 25: Article 15 Passes as Written**

**ARTICLE 16:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded to see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending

June 30, 2017 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.

**Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$ 30,908,672.00**

**Hand Vote – Yes: Article 16 Passes as Written**

**ARTICLE 17:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that in addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Regional School Unit Board be authorized to expend 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.

**Hand Vote – Yes: Article 17 Passes as Written**

**ARTICLE 18:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that Regional School Unit No. 5 will appropriate **\$244,957.00** for adult education and raise **\$100,000.00** 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.

**Hand Vote – Yes: Article 18 Passes as Written**

**ARTICLE 19:** 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017 be approved in the amount of **\$ 2,232,068.00**.

**Hand Vote – Yes: Article 19 Passes as Written**

**ARTICLE 20:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Board of Directors be authorized to issue notes not to exceed a period of three years in the name of the Regional School Unit 5 for the purpose of purchasing copiers/printers in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 and appropriate the same.

**Hand Vote – Yes: Article 20 Passes as Written**

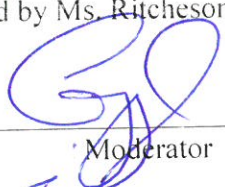
**ARTICLE 21:** Ms. Ritcheson moved, Ms. Parker seconded that the Board of Directors be authorized to transfer up to \$10,000 from unexpended Capital Projects balances at the end of the 2016-2017 fiscal year to the District's Capital Reserve Fund for maintenance of plant and remodeling under the authority of 20-A MRSA §4001, and expend up to \$109,708 from said Capital Reserve Fund for those purposes.

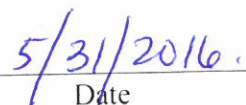
**Hand Vote – Yes: Article 21 Passes as Written**

Mr. Im reminded the body of the June 14, 2016 referendum vote. There will be a second question on the ballot to continue the referendum process for future years.

Ms. Ritcheson introduced Dr. Becky Foley as the new Superintendent for RSU5.

Moved by Ms. Ritcheson to adjourn at 7:24 P.M.

  
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Moderator  
Greg Im

  
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Date