

**Annual Budget Meeting
May 22, 2019
Freeport High School Gymnasium**

Meeting minutes

Board Vice Chair Ms. Sterling officially called to order the Annual Budget Meeting for Regional School Unit No. 5 at 6:40 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Article 1A: Board Vice Chair Ms. Sterling nominated Mr. Gregory Im for Moderator. Board member Ms. Vertenten 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:

- That Mr. Im previously swore in the ballot clerks. There was no objection to swearing in the ballot clerks prior to the meeting start.
- Must be a registered voter to vote.
- 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, Kelli Rogers, Julie Nickerson, Jen Gulko, Lisa Demick, Erin Dow, Cynthia Alexander, Bonnie Violette, Dennis Ouellette, Jim Grant and Michelle Lickteig. There were no objections to letting these people speak.
- The Maine Moderators Manual will be used as a procedural guideline.
- Speakers must come to the 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 vote.
- Questions will go through the moderator.
- Warrant articles will be gone through as printed.

RTICLE 1: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends \$3,567,561.00

Moved and seconded.

Motion to amend from the floor:
To reduce the amount by \$59,000 to \$3,508,561.00
Seconded
Hand Vote: Amendment fails.

Hand Vote on original motion - Yes: Article 1 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Board Recommends \$1,617,919.00

Moved and seconded.

Motion to amend from the floor:
To reduce the amount by \$112,000 to \$1,505,919
Seconded
Hand Vote: Amendment fails.

Hand Vote on original motion - Yes: Article 2 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Board Recommends \$4,820,001.00
Hand Vote - Yes: Article 3 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$99,419.00
Hand Vote - Yes: Article 4 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
School Board Recommends \$269,645.00
Hand Vote - Yes: Article 5 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$14,218,224.00

Moved and seconded.

Motion to amend from the floor:
To reduce in the recommended amount by \$175,000
Seconded
Hand vote: Amendment fails.

Hand Vote on original motion - Yes: Article 6 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$829,237.00
Hand Vote - Yes: Article 7 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends \$950,098.00

Moved and seconded

Motion to amend from the floor:
To reduce the amount by to \$832,098.00
Seconded
Hand Vote: Amendment fails.

Hand Vote on original motion - Yes: Article 8 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends \$1,533,556.00
Hand Vote - Yes: Article 9 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$1,581,756.00
Hand Vote - Yes: Article 10 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$4,592,879.00
Hand Vote - Yes: Article 11 Passes in the amount recommended

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 15
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

RTICLE 12: 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	\$ 7,896,780.56	Town of Durham	\$ 3,113,280.00
Town of	\$		\$
Freeport	12,599,192.43	Town of Freeport	12,599,192.43
Town of Pownal	\$ 2,337,416.49	Town of Pownal	\$ 1,954,908.00
Total			
Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 22,833,389.48	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 17,667,380.43

Explanation: 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 is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Hand Vote - Yes: Article 12 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 13: 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 \$311,249.00

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters.

Hand Vote - Yes: Article 13 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 14: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate to transfer to the school nutrition program.

School Board Recommends: \$268,245

Hand Vote - Yes: Article 14 Passes in the amount recommended

RTICLE 15: (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$8,790,551.32**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$8,790,551.32**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$8,790,551.32, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$8,790,551.32. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: 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.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School Unit'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 payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.

Written Ballot – Yes Article 15 passes as recommended

YES 45 NO 13

ARTICLE 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

RTICLE 16: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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 \$34,080,295.00

Hand Vote - Yes: Article 16 Passes in the amount recommended

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

RTICLE 17: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, 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 and other program 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 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

RTICLE 18: To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate \$166,462.00 for adult education and raise \$112,000 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 ESTABLISHES AND FUNDS
A TRACK AND FIELD CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

RTICLE 19: Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a Track and Field Capital Reserve Fund for future track and field maintenance, repairs, and replacement; and to transfer \$35,000 from available fund balances to the Track and Field Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend said reserve funds only upon express authorization of the RSU voters?

Hand Vote - Yes: Article 19 Passes as written

**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
BUDGET**

RTICLE 20: Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 be approved in the amount of \$2,646,348?

Hand Vote - Yes: Article 20 Passes as written

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES THE
CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

RTICLE 21: Shall the Cooperative Board of Maine Region 10 Technical High School ("Region 10") be authorized to transfer up to \$10,000 from undesignated fund balances to its Capital Reserve Fund; and shall the Cooperative Board be authorized to expend that sum with other balances accumulated in that Fund from time to time on such specific items or types of capital improvements or equipment as the Cooperative Board may determine to be needed by Region 10?

Hand Vote - Yes: Article 21 Passes as written

Mr. Im reminded the body of the June 11, 2019 referendum vote.

Moved by Ms. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Vertenten to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.



Greg Im, Moderator

5/29/2019

Date