

Regional School Unit No. 5

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Finance Subcommittee Report

Date: September 19, 2013

Committee: Finance Subcommittee

Chair: John Morang

Meeting Date: August 14, 2013

Members Present: Kate Brown, John Ricker, and Shannon Welsh

Excused: John Morang

Agenda Items and Discussion:

Election of Chair of Finance Committee:

John Ricker expressed that he would like to be Chair but has a conflict with meeting dates and therefore felt that John Morang should be appointed. John Morang was excused from this meeting and was not available to accept nomination. Nomination and vote was tabled until next meeting.

2013/2014 Finance Committee Topics:

Finance Director presented an outline that listed upcoming months and potential topics for Finance Committee to consider this coming school year. Items to be included in 2013/2014 timeline include but are not limited to: 3-5 Yr Financial Plan Update; Bidding of Audit & Insurance Services, Financial Health/Budget Priorities Discussion with Towns, Review of Budget and Impact on Member Communities; Review of 2012/2013 Financial Audit; Use of Undesignated Fund Balance for the upcoming 2014/2015 budget year; Review of Finance Policies and Procedures; Contingency Transfers if needed; Health Insurance Exploration Committee Updates, FHS Facility Upgrades and Bonding Impacts; Review of Capital & Technology Plans; Review of current RPC funding formula; set 2014/2015 Warrant Schedule as well as 2014/2015 Finance Committee Meeting Schedule. Finance Committee members will add suggested topics as they arise.

Update on Maine State Retirement Cost for Staff:

Finance Director presented a memo outlining the anticipated cost of Maine State Retirement as well as the increase in our anticipated State Aid to Education for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. With the enacted State Budget the legislature upheld passing the cost (2.65%) of Maine State Retirement to local districts. RSU5 will be responsible for \$334,265. During the budget process we had anticipated and budgeted for \$268,751. This is causing a shortage of \$65,514, which will need to be expended from our Contingency fund. In an effort to offset the additional expense the Legislature added monies to General Purpose Aid to Education and re-distributed funds. RSU5 is anticipating receiving \$295,280 more than was budgeted for at our Annual Budget Meeting. Unfortunately, these monies cannot be spent this year as our 2013/2014 budget was set, approved, and passed prior to the enactment of the State Budget. Any additional monies received from the state would lapse into undesignated fund balance at the end of the current school year.

Warrant Signing:

Warrants signed.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2013

- Warrant Signing
- Election of Chair
- Update on 2013/2014 Capital Projects
- Update of Negotiations Schedule

Submitted by: Kelly Wentworth, Finance Director