

**Annual Budget Meeting
May 23, 2012
Freeport High School Gymnasium**

Superintendent Welsh officially called to order the Annual Budget Meeting for Regional School Unit No. 5 at 6:40 P.M.

Article 1A: Board Chair Mr. Larkins nominated Mr. Gary Wood for Moderator. Board member Mr. Dube seconded the nomination. No further nominations occurred and Mr. Wood was elected by unanimous vote. Gary Wood was sworn in by Superintendent Welsh.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

- The process for the meeting has been laid out in the past and is also explained in the handout;
- Speakers must come to the center microphone, state their name, town of residence and if they are for or against the motion on the floor and why;
- If a person is unable to come to the microphone please raise your card and the comments will be repeated;
- Stay until the end of the meeting, all articles are important;
- Raise your pink card to vote, no voice aye or nay;
- Article 15 requires a written ballot which will be provided by the clerks, do not use an X;
- Mr. Larkins and Mr. Dube will move and second to get the main motion on the floor;
- To avoid confusion, if you want to make an amendment come to the microphone and encourage the body to vote down the article. Once the article is voted down an amendment can be made;
- All warrants have been duly posted and the budget validation referendum will be held on June 12th.

Mr. Wood asked a motion be made to allow the following administrators in RSU5 who live outside Durham, Freeport or Pownal be allowed to speak at this meeting: Tom Ambrose, Chris L'Abbe, Lisa Demick, Will Pidden, Ryan Gleason, Seth Thompson, Dennis Ouellette, Dominic DePatsy, Joe Makley, Russell Packett and Janet Smith.

Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded the motion

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 1: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support, **\$2,321,665.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 2: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for School Administration, **\$1,182,300.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 3: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance, **\$3,081,513.00**

Amendment: Moved by Jonas Werner of Freeport, seconded by Marie Gunning of Freeport, to increase the amount to \$3,100,513.00.

Counted Hand Vote: No: Amendment fails by an average of 10 votes by each counter

Hand Vote on original Main Motion: - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 4: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education, **\$441,806.00**

Amendment: Moved by Jane Blais of Durham, seconded by John Morang of Freeport, to increase the amount to \$454,271.00.

Hand Vote: Yes: Amendment passes

Hand Vote on original motion as amended – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 5: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures, **\$106,400.00**

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 6: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction, **\$10,483,872.00**.

Amendment: Moved by Terry Brobst of Freeport, seconded by Liza Moore of Freeport, to increase the amount to \$10,488,872.00.

Hand Vote: Yes: Amendment passes

Hand Vote on main motion as amended– Yes: Motion carries

A re-vote on the main motion was requested after 7 voting members stood up to request the re-vote.

Vote #2 Hand Vote on main motion as amended– Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 7: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Other Instruction, **\$598,128.00**.

Amendment: Moved by Kate Brogan of Freeport, seconded by Kelly Fitz-Randolph of Freeport, to increase the amount to \$607,532.00.

Hand Vote: No: Amendment fails

Hand Vote on original Main Motion: - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 8: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for System Administration, **\$620,342.00**.

Amendment: Moved by Lindsey Sterling of Freeport, seconded by Jennifer Melville of Freeport, to decrease the amount to \$613,842.00.

Hand Vote: No: Amendment fails

Hand Vote on Main Motion: - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 9: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses, **\$1,325,488.00**.

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 10: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments, **\$1,782,411.00.**

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 11: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Special Education, **\$2,943,758.00.**

Amendment: Moved by Valy Steverlynck of Freeport, seconded by Michelle Bosse of Freeport, to increase the amount to \$3,005,758.00.

Hand Vote: No: Amendment fails

Amendment: Moved by Kelly Fitz-Randolph of Freeport, seconded by Michelle Bosse of Freeport, to change the amount to \$3,017,758.00.

Hand Vote: No: Amendment fails

Hand Vote on original Main Motion: - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 12: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube 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: \$ 6,987,562.02	Town of Durham: \$2,696,114.00
Town of Freeport: \$10,884,301.52	Town of Freeport: \$11,737,247.00
Town of Pownal: \$ 1,845,790.03	Town of Pownal: \$1,453,025.50
Regional School Unit Total Appropriated	Regional School Unit Total Raised:
(Sum of above) \$19,717,653.57	(Sum of above) \$15,886,386.50

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 13: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube 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, **\$502,556.00**

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 14: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and to appropriate the sum of (**Recommend \$105,000.00**) in additional local dollars in support of the school nutrition program.

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 15: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$3,204,494**), which allows this budget to exceed the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$4,171,398**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board.

The Regional School Unit Board recommends \$3,204,494 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$4,171,398: **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.**

Mr. Dube withdrew his second and Mr. Larkins withdrew his motion.

Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded to recommend new amounts as raised and appropriated (\$3,221,959 local funds; \$4,188,863 exceed Essential Program and Services funding formula)

Written Ballot (required) - Yes – 127 / No – 11: Motion carries

ARTICLE 16: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Regional School Unit authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 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, **\$24,905,147.00**

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 17: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that in addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, the Regional School Unit Board be authorized to expend 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: Motion carries

ARTICLE 18: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that Regional School Unit No. 5 will appropriate **\$232,390.00** for adult education and raise **\$83,000.00** 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: Motion carries

ARTICLE 19: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 be approved in the amount of **\$1,906,479.00**.

Amendment: Moved by Jane Blais of Durham, seconded by John Morang of Freeport, to increase the amount to \$1,956,479.

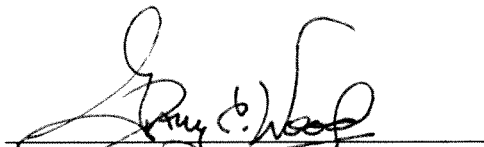
Hand Vote: Yes: Amendment passes

Hand Vote on Main Motion as amended: - Yes: Motion carries

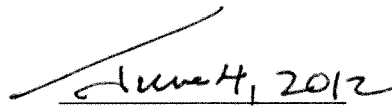
ARTICLE 20: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Dube seconded that the Board of Directors be authorized to transfer \$96,557 from unexpended balances at the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year to the District's Capital Reserve Fund for maintenance of plant and remodeling under the authority of 20-A MRSA §4001, and expend up to \$115,350 from said Capital Reserve Fund for those purposes?

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

Moved by Mr. Larkins, seconded by Mr. Dube to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.



Gary Wood, Moderator



Date