

6:00-6:30 P.M. – Q & A

This is an opportunity for community members to ask Board members questions about the Board's FY23 Adopted Budget.

**REGULAR MEETING OF RSU NO. 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY– APRIL 13, 2022
POWNALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CAFETERIA
6:30 P.M. REGULAR SESSION
AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order:**
The meeting was called to order at _____ p.m. by Chair Michelle Ritcheson

2. **Attendance:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Colin Cheney	<input type="checkbox"/> Jill Piker
<input type="checkbox"/> Candace deCsipkes	<input type="checkbox"/> Maura Pillsbury
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Galletta	<input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Ritcheson
<input type="checkbox"/> Susana Hancock	<input type="checkbox"/> Valeria Steverlynck
<input type="checkbox"/> Elisabeth Munsen	<input type="checkbox"/> Madelyn Vertenten
<input type="checkbox"/> Dung Nguyen	<input type="checkbox"/> Brady Grogan – Student Representative
	<input type="checkbox"/> Piper Williams – Student Representative

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

4. **Consideration of Minutes:**
 - A. Consideration and approval of the Minutes of March 16, 2022 and March 23, 2022 as presented barring any errors or omissions.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

5. **Adjustments to the Agenda:**

6. **Good News & Recognition:**
 - A. Report from Board's Student Representative (10 Minutes)
 - B. Good News from Pownal Elementary School - Lisa Demick (10 Minutes)

7. **Public Comments: (10 Minutes)**

8. **Reports from Superintendent:**
NA

9. **Administrator Reports:**
NA

10. **Board Comments and Committee Reports:**
 - A. Strategic Communications (15 Minutes)
-Student Exit Survey & Migration of Students

11. **Policy Review:**
NA

12. Unfinished Business: (15 Minutes)

- A. Consideration and approval that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

13. New Business:
NA

14. Personnel: (15 Minutes)

- A. Consideration and approval to employ a .8 STEM/RTI Teacher at Mast Landing School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- B. Consideration and approval to employ a 1st Grade Teacher at Durham Community School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- C. Consideration and approval to employ a Special Education Teacher at Morse Street School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year (one year position).

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- D. Consideration and approval to employ a 1st Grade Teacher at Morse Street School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- E. Consideration and approval to employ a Pre-K Teacher at Morse Street School for the 2022-2023 school year (one year position).

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- F. Consideration and approval to employ a 3rd Grade Teacher at Mast Landing School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- G. Consideration and approval to employ a Classroom Teacher at Mast Landing School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

15. **Public Comments: (10 Minutes)**

16. **Executive Session:**

A. To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Administrator negotiations for RSU5.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

17. **Action as a Result of Executive Session:**

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

18. **Adjournment:**

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____ Time: _____

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School – Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes**

(NOTE: These Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Directors. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the April 13, 2022 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Elisabeth Munsen, Dung Nguyen (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), Jill Piker, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Madelyn Vertenten, and Brady Grogan, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Valeria Steverlynck

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of March 4, 2022 and March 8, 2022.

(Hancock – Vertenten) (9 – 0). The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Move Item#15.A. after Item# 6.A.

Move Item#13.A. after Item#9.A.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative – Brady Grogan

15. PERSONNEL:

A. VOTED: To elect Jean Skorapa as Superintendent of Schools for a period of three years.

(Hancock – Cheney) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Freeport - Jackie Priestly, Aja Darak

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. FY23 Budget Update

9. PUBLIC INPUT:

A. Public Input on the FY23 Budget - None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Board Deliberations on the FY23 Budget

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Update on the 2022-2023 Calendar - Cynthia Alexander

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

12. POLICY REVIEW:

None

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To approve the following stipend positions, pending budget approval.

(Munsen – Vertenten) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

-FHS Jazz Band

-DCS Yoga Club

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:02 p.m. (Hancock – Piker) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
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Meeting Minutes**

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- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Elisabeth Munsen, Dung Nguyen, Jill Piker, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, and Piper Williams, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of March 9, 2022. (Cheney – Hancock) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Move Item#15.A. after Item#8.A.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative – Piper Williams

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. District Happenings
2. Resignations/Retirements (effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year)
 - Heidi Miller - FMS Math Teacher (resignation)
 - Bonnie Violette - Director of Instructional Support (retirement)
 - Tom McKibben - MLS Classroom Teacher (resignation)
3. Update on the FY23 Budget

15. PERSONNEL:

A. VOTED: To employ Holly Johnson as the Principal of Pownal Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year. (Munsen – Galletta) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

9. PUBLIC INPUT:

A. Public Input on the FY23 Budget

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Peggy Brown

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests:

1. Maura Pillsbury - Recent MSBA Regional Meeting. E-mail to Board about testifying and parliamentary procedures (video made by MSBA). Couple of legislative bills and discussion about Covid masking.
2. Michelle Ritcheson - Public frustration at Board meetings, what is our role about answering questions. Asked the Board if they should hold a workshop on Boardsmanship and related policies.

Thoughts from Board members:

- Video clips on the website describing the communication process;
- A link at the bottom of the board chair's email;
- Chain of command should be outlined;
- Should be respectful. Concerns about how staff/teachers are treated by public;
- The Board answers to the DOE, not the public; and
- Involve the Strategic Communications Committee.

B. Finance Committee

C. Policy Committee

12. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read of policy JL - Student Wellness

(Vertenten – Hancock) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

B. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of policy GBGB - Workplace Bullying

(Hancock – Cheney) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

C. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of policy FFA - Memorials and Remembrances.

(Steverlynck – Pillsbury) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To approve the FY23 Superintendent's Recommended Budget.

(Hancock – Munsen) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

14. NEW BUSINESS:


None

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:44 p.m. (Hancock – Vertenten) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools



Regional School Unit 5
Durham • Freeport • Pownal

Item #10.A.

"To inspire and support every learner by challenging minds, building character, sparking creativity, and nurturing passions."

Becky Foley, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools
Peggy Brown, Interim Director of Finance & Human Resources

Cynthia Alexander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Bonnie Violette, Ph.D., Director of Instructional Support

Strategic Communications Committee

Committee: Strategic Communications

Meeting date: March 25, 2022

Submitted by: Becky Foley

Committee Members in attendance: Candy deCsipkes, Maddy Vertenten, Valy Steverlynck, Becky Foley

Members absent: None

1. Student Exit Survey:

-Finalize 2020-2021 summary

- Committee members reviewed the summary and made no further changes

-Review past reports and most current to try and identify trends

- Most families leaving are doing so for non-educational reasons
- Of those that are leaving for educational reasons the trends are around:
 - Lack of rigor
 - Behavioral/safety concerns
 - Communication

-Discussion on whether to continue this survey going forward

- The committee did not feel that the survey needs to continue in future years due to the small number of surveys that we are receiving back.

2. Look at October 1, 2021 data of Resident Students Attending Other Schools

- The committee reviewed this data and decided to add a column of total number and percentage of students enrolled.
- Most students not attending schools in RSU5 are being homeschooled or attending the Waldorf School.

3. Parent Satisfaction Survey

- Survey results were distributed to the committee members. Each person will read and code and be ready to discuss at the next meeting

4. Set a date for an early May meeting

- Next meeting was set for May 13, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

5. Discussion of how better to inform public about public comment period at Board meetings

- Update brochure and remind public to pick one up when attending Board meetings
- More detailed information before attendees begin speaking during the public comment
 - Phone numbers and emails of Board members on website
 - Q & As
 - How to contact the superintendent
- Template around e-mail response that includes how to have a two-way conversation if wanted and a reminder of the chain of command.

To: RSU5 Board of Directors
 From: Strategic Communication Committee
 Date: March 18, 2022
 Re: 2020-2021 Student Exit Survey Summary

There were 32 total responses to the survey sent out between October 1 of 2020 and September 30 of 2021. There were 129 surveys sent to parents. There was a return rate of 25%. At the school level, the responses were as follows:

School	School Responses
MSS	7
MLS	5
FMS	11
FHS	5
DCS	4
PES	0

Of the total number who completed the survey, the primary reason for leaving included the following:

- Seven cited leaving for educational reasons,
- Fifteen cited non-educational reasons,
- Seven cited issues related to Covid/Hybrid,
- Three cited social/emotional reasons.

Secondary reasons for leaving included the following:

- Ten cited communication issues,
- Nine cited lack of rigor,
- Seven cited behavioral/safety issues,
- Eleven cited educational programming issues,
- Ten cited other issues.

Historical Information - Responses to Surveys

School	Survey Responses 2017-2018	Survey Responses 2018-2019	Survey Responses 2019-2020	Survey Responses 2020-2021
MSS	11	2	23	7
MLS	4	2	2	5
FMS	12	11	9	11
FHS	5	3	6	5
DCS	12	1	4	4
PES	6	5	10	0
Total	50	24	54	32

Item #10.A.

Migration of Students October 1st 2015 - 2021

Year	Total Number of RSU5 Resident Students Attending Other Schools	October 1st Enrollment	Percentage of Students Attending Other Schools
2015	388	1846	21%
2016	398	1883	21%
2017	389	1947	20%
2018	379	1993	19%
2019	396	2012	20%
2020	439	1949	23%
2021	405	1990	20%

RSU5 Resident Students Attending Other Schools as of October 1, 2021

School		Durham	Freeport	Pownal	Total
Acadia	Charter	0	0	0	0
Baxter Academy	Charter	3	10	1	14
Fiddlehead School of Arts & Science	Charter	6	0	2	8
Harpeswell Coastal Academy	Charter	2	0	0	2
Maine Arts Academy	Charter	0	0	0	0
Maine Connections Academy	Charter	1	5	2	8
Maine Virtual Academy	Charter	1	2	0	3
Maine Academy of Natural Sciences	Charter	0	0	0	0
Homeschooled	Homeschooled	*	*	*	127
Chewonki School (Elementary School)	Private	0	0	0	0
Fryeburg Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
North Yarmouth Academy	Private	4	25	9	38
Waynflete	Private	0	13	1	14
Maine Coast Waldorf (previously Merriconeag Waldorf)	Private	11	51	7	69
Friends School of Portland	Private	0	16	0	16
Breakwater School	Private	0	0	0	0
Chop Point School	Private	0	0	0	0
Royal Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
L'Ecole Francaise du Maine	Private	3	19	0	22
Hyde School	Private	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
Wayfinder School	Private	0	2	0	2
Freedom Christian Academy	Private	4	0	0	4
Freedom Academy	Private	0	1	0	1
Calvary Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Greater Portland Christian School	Private/Religious	0	3	2	5
Gullford Christian Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Central Maine Christian Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Lisbon Falls Christian Academy	Private/Religious	2	0	1	3
Pine Tree Academy	Private/Religious	4	14	0	18
Open Door Christian Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Cheverus	Private/Religious	1	8	0	9
St. John's Catholic School	Private/Religious	3	4	0	7
St. Doms Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Wiscasset Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Auburn School Department	Public	1	0	0	1
Brunswick School Department	Public	2	0	0	2
Cape Elizabeth School Department	Public	0	1	0	1
Falmouth School Department	Public	0	4	0	4
Lewiston School Department	Public	0	0	0	0
Lisbon School Department	Public	3	0	0	3
MSAD 15 Gray-New Gloucester	Public	3	0	0	3
MSAD 16 Poland	Public	0	0	0	0
MSAD 51 Cumberland/No. Yarmouth	Public	2	1	2	5
Yarmouth School Department	Public	0	8	0	8
RSU 17 Oxford Hills	Public	0	0	0	0
Morse High School	Public	0	0	0	0
Maine School of Science & Math	Public	2	1	0	3
Portland Public Schools	Public	1	0	0	1
So. Portland	Public	0	0	0	0
Thornton Academy	Public	0	0	0	0
Total		63	188	27	405
Information is from schools that are required to report in the DOE's Student Information System and private school notification per Title 20-A M.R.S.A 5001-A(3)(A)(2)					
**New DOE reporting, not broken down by Town					

RSU5 Resident Students Attending Other Schools as of October 1, 2020

School		Durham	Freeport	Pownal	Total
Acadia	Charter	0	0	0	0
Baxter Academy	Charter	3	6	1	10
Fiddlehead School of Arts & Science	Charter	10	0	0	10
Harpwell Coastal Academy	Charter	3	4	0	7
Maine Arts Academy	Charter	0	0	0	0
Maine Connections Academy	Charter	0	6	3	9
Maine Virtual Academy	Charter	1	1	0	2
Maine Academy of Natural Sciences	Charter	0	0	0	0
Homeschooled	Homeschooled	49	70	23	142
Chewonki School (Elementary School)	Private	0	0	0	0
Fryeburg Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
NYA	Private	1	23	8	32
Wayflete	Private	0	20	1	21
Maine Coast Waldorf (previously Merriconeag Waldorf)	Private	8	63	7	78
Friends School of Portland	Private	0	9	2	11
Breakwater School	Private	0	2	0	2
Chop Point School	Private	0	0	0	0
Royal Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
L'Ecole Francaise Du Maine	Private	3	17	0	20
Hyde School	Private	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Academy	Private	0	0	0	0
Wayfinder School	Private	0	2	0	2
Freedom Academy	Private	0	1	0	1
Calvary Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Greater Portland Christian School	Private/Religious	3	3	2	8
Central Maine Christian Academy	Private/Religious	1	0	0	1
Lisbon Falls Christian Academy	Private/Religious	2	0	1	3
Pine Tree Academy	Private/Religious	4	11	0	15
Open Door Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Cheverus	Private/Religious	1	8	0	9
St. John's Catholic School	Private/Religious	3	4	0	7
St. Doms Academy	Private/Religious	3	0	0	3
Wiscasset Christian Academy	Private/Religious	0	0	0	0
Auburn School Department	Public	1	0	0	1
Brunswick School Department	Public	2	0	0	2
Falmouth School Department	Public	2	6	0	8
Lewiston School Department	Public	1	0	0	1
Lisbon School Department	Public	4	0	0	4
MSAD 15 Gray-New Gloucester	Public	2	1	0	3
MSAD 16 Poland	Public	0	1	0	1
MSAD 51 Cumberland/No. Yarmouth	Public	2	3	4	9
Yarmouth School Department	Public	0	10	0	10
RSU 17 Oxford Hills	Public	0	1	0	1
Morse High School	Public	0	0	0	0
Maine School of Science & Math	Public	2	1	0	3
Portland Public Schools	Public	0	1	0	1
So. Portland	Public	0	2	0	2
Thornton Academy	Public	0	0	0	0
Total		111	276	52	439
*Information is from schools that are required to report in the DOE's Student Information System and private school notification per Title 20-A M.R.S.A 5001-A(3)(A)(2)					

Item #12.A.

April 13, 2022

Motion: I move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE TO CALL AND APPROVE THE WARRANTS FOR THE BUDGET MEETING
AND THE BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED

VOTED: That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be called for May 25, 2022 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2022-2023 fiscal year;

That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be called for June 14, 2022 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and considering whether to continue the budget validation referendum process; and

That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit be authorized and directed to complete said Notice in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 25, 2022, and to cause copies of said Notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 14, 2022 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum.

A true copy as adopted by a majority of the School Board, attest:

Becky Foley, Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the April 13, 2022 meeting of the Regional School Unit No. 5 School Board was:
[check one box]

- conducted as a public meeting with no Board members participating remotely; or
- conducted in accordance with Board policy through telephonic, video, electronic, or other similar means of remote participation, and that the Board's vote on this Resolution was taken by roll call as follows:

**WARRANT TO CALL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

TO: Lori Medlen, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Freeport High School, 30 Holbrook Street, Freeport, Maine, at 6:30 p.m. on May 25, 2022 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11
AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$16,401,257.00

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$4,972,716.00

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$184,596.00

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$919,069.00

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends \$3,594,805.00

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Board Recommends \$1,082,988.00

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Board Recommends \$1,942,616.00

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Board Recommends \$1,438,023.00

- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Board Recommends \$5,100,233.00
- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$1,181,603.00
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
School Board Recommends \$293,245.00

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

- ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 pre-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	\$ 8,135,959.64	Town of Durham	\$ 3,138,791.66
Town of Freeport	\$ 12,644,082.29	Town of Freeport	\$ 13,275,698.34
Town of Pownal	\$ 2,358,344.38	Town of Pownal	\$ 1,919,840.00
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 23,138,386.31	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 18,334,330.00

*Explanation: The Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.
† [Note: The above appropriations are determined in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688(1); the amounts to be raised reflect the required local contribution in accordance with the RSU Reorganization Plan.]*

- ARTICLE 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 \$125,094.00

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.

ARTICLE 14: (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model.

The School Board Recommends **\$10,857,453.64** in additional local funds, which will cause the total school budget to exceed the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$12,134,478** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.† 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 preK-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 pre-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.

† [Note: The additional local funds reflects the adjustment to the required local contribution in Article 13 in accordance with the RSU Reorganization Plan.]

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 \$37,111,151.00**

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$234,700.00** for adult education and raise **\$112,000.00** 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.

**ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO TRACK AND FIELD
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

ARTICLE 17: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$35,000.00** from available fund balances to the Track and Field Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend said reserve funds upon express authorization of the RSU voters or as permitted by law?

**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES ESTABLISHMENT OF AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS TO
A TENNIS COURT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

ARTICLE 18: Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund for upkeep and maintenance of the tennis courts at Freeport High School; to transfer **\$30,000.00** to the Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund from funds already appropriated for this purpose in the 2021-2022 fiscal year; to appropriate **\$40,000.00** to transfer to the Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund; and to expend said reserve funds upon express authorization of the RSU voters or as permitted by law?

**ARTICLE 19 TRANSFERS FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE
TO THE FUEL COST STABILIZATION FUND**

ARTICLE 19: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$150,000.00**, as needed, to the fuel cost stabilization fund from the Capital Reserve Fund?

Statutory Disclosure Statement relating to Fuel Cost Stabilization Fund:
The fuel cost stabilization fund balance is currently **\$100,000.00**. If this article is approved as written, the fuel cost stabilization fund balance may be increased to **\$250,000.00**. The amount used from the fuel cost stabilization fund in the last three years through the date this article was prepared is as follows:

Fiscal year 2021-2022: \$ - 0 -

Fiscal year 2020-2021: \$ - 0 -

Fiscal year 2019-2020: \$ - 0 -

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

ARTICLE 20: Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 be approved in the amount of **\$3,482,656.00**?

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 21: 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?

**ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS AMONG COST
CENTERS**

ARTICLE 22: Shall the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5 be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

**ARTICLE 23 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF
ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED**

ARTICLE 23: In the event that the Regional School Unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or 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?

Given under our hand this day, April 13, 2022 at Pownal, Maine.

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

Lori Medlen, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

I certify that I have notified the voters of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") of the time and place of the Regional School Unit budget meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant as follows:

	TIME(S)	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)
Durham			
Freeport			
Pownal			

being at least seven days prior to the Regional School Unit budget meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said municipalities.

Dated: _____, 2022

Lori Medlen, Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 5

**WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION CALLING
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5
BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
(20-A M.R.S. § 1486)**

TO: Lori Medlen, a resident Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit")
composed of the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby ordered to serve upon the municipal clerks of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election. Service shall be in hand within three (3) days of the date of this warrant and notice of election. The municipal clerks of the above municipalities shall immediately notify the respective Municipal Officers. The Municipal Officers shall meet forthwith and countersign this warrant and notice of election. The Municipal Officers shall provide below for the respective municipal clerks to post or have posted this warrant and notice of election.

**TOWN OF DURHAM
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Androscoggin County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Jessica L. Landberg, Municipal Clerk of Durham: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of this municipality of the election described in this warrant and notice of election.

TO THE VOTERS OF DURHAM: You are hereby notified that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum election will be held at the Durham Amvets, 1049 Royalsborough Road in the Town of Durham on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 for the purpose of determining the following questions:

Question 1: Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit No. 5 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?

Question 2: Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Regional School Unit No. 5 for an additional three years?

INFORMATIONAL NOTE ON QUESTION 2:

A "YES" vote will require Regional School Unit No. 5 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Regional School Unit No. 5.

The polls must be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hand this day, April 13, 2022 at Pownal, Maine.

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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

Lori Medlen
Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 5

Countersigned this _____ day of _____, 2022 at Durham, Maine.

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A majority of the Municipal Officers of Durham, Maine

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

Jessica L. Landberg, Municipal Clerk
Durham, Maine

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5
_____, 2022

Pursuant to the within warrant and notice of election, directed to me, I have served in hand upon the municipal clerk of Durham, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election, directing the Municipal Officers of said municipality to call a Regional School Unit No. 5 budget validation referendum at said time and place and for the purposes therein stated.

Lori Medlen
Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Androscoggin County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The Municipal Officers of the Town of Durham

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Durham of the time and place of the Regional School Unit No. 5 budget validation referendum by posting an attested copy of the within warrant and notice of election as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION OF POSTING</u>
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being public and conspicuous places in said municipality and being at least seven days next prior to election day.

Dated at Durham, Maine: _____, 2022

Jessica L. Landberg, Municipal Clerk
Durham, Maine

**WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION
CALLING REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5
BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
(20-A M.R.S. § 1486)**

TO: Lori Medlen, a resident Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit")
composed of the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby ordered to serve upon the municipal clerks of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election. Service shall be in hand within three (3) days of the date of this warrant and notice of election. The municipal clerks of the above municipalities shall immediately notify the respective Municipal Officers. The Municipal Officers shall meet forthwith and countersign this warrant and notice of election. The Municipal Officers shall provide below for the respective municipal clerks to post or have posted this warrant and notice of election.

**TOWN OF FREEPORT
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Chief Nathaniel Goodman, Constable of Freeport: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of this municipality of the election described in this warrant and notice of election.

TO THE VOTERS OF FREEPORT: You are hereby notified that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum election will be held at the Freeport High School Gym, 30 Holbrook Street in the Town of Freeport on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 for the purpose of determining the following questions:

- Question 1:** Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit No. 5 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?
- Question 2:** Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Regional School Unit No. 5 for an additional three years?

INFORMATIONAL NOTE ON QUESTION 2:

A "YES" vote will require Regional School Unit No. 5 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Regional School Unit No. 5.

The polls must be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hand this day, April 13, 2022 at Pownal, Maine.

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

Lori Medlen
Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 5

Countersigned this _____ day of _____, 2022 at Freeport, Maine.

A majority of the Municipal Officers of Freeport, Maine

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

Christine Wolfe, Municipal Clerk
Freeport, Maine

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5
_____, 2022

Pursuant to the within warrant and notice of election, directed to me, I have served in hand upon the municipal clerk of Freeport, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election, directing the Municipal Officers of said municipality to call a Regional School Unit No. 5 budget validation referendum at said time and place and for the purposes therein stated.

Lori Medlen
Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The Municipal Officers of the Town of Freeport

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Freeport of the time and place of the Regional School Unit No. 5 budget validation referendum by posting an attested copy of the within warrant and notice of election as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION OF POSTING</u>
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being public and conspicuous places in said municipality and being at least seven days next prior to election day.

Dated at Freeport, Maine: _____, 2022

Chief Nathaniel Goodman, Constable
Freeport, Maine

**WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION
CALLING REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5
BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
(20-A M.R.S. § 1486)**

TO: Lori Medlen, a resident Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby ordered to serve upon the municipal clerks of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election. Service shall be in hand within three (3) days of the date of this warrant and notice of election. The municipal clerks of the above municipalities shall immediately notify the respective Municipal Officers. The Municipal Officers shall meet forthwith and countersign this warrant and notice of election. The Municipal Officers shall provide below for the respective municipal clerks to post or have posted this warrant and notice of election.

**TOWN OF POWNAL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Ginifir Giddinge, Resident of Pownal: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of this municipality of the election described in this warrant and notice of election.

TO THE VOTERS OF POWNAL: You are hereby notified that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum election will be held at the Pownal Town Hall, 429 Hallowell Road in the Town of Pownal on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 for the purpose of determining the following questions:

Question 1: Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit No. 5 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?

Question 2: Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Regional School Unit No. 5 for an additional three years?

INFORMATIONAL NOTE ON QUESTION 2:

A “YES” vote will require Regional School Unit No. 5 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A “NO” vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Regional School Unit No. 5.

The polls must be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hand this day, April 13, 2022 at Pownal, Maine.

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A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

 Lori Medlen
 Resident of
 Regional School Unit No. 5

Countersigned this _____ day of _____, 2022 at Pownal, Maine.

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A majority of the Municipal Officers of Pownal, Maine

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

 Rebecca Taylor-Chase, Municipal Clerk
 Pownal, Maine

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5
_____, 2022

Pursuant to the within warrant and notice of election, directed to me, I have served in hand upon the municipal clerk of Pownal, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election, directing the Municipal Officers of said municipality to call a Regional School Unit No. 5 budget validation referendum at said time and place and for the purposes therein stated.

Lori Medlen
Resident of
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The Municipal Officers of the Town of Pownal

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Pownal of the time and place of the Regional School Unit No. 5 budget validation referendum by posting an attested copy of the within warrant and notice of election as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION OF POSTING</u>
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being public and conspicuous places in said municipality and being at least seven days next prior to election day.

Dated at Pownal, Maine: _____, 2022

Ginifir Giddinge, Resident
Pownal, Maine

**NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED AT BUDGET MEETING
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5
INFORMATION FOR VOTERS AT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM**

TO: Municipal Clerks of the Towns of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal, State of Maine

In the name of the State of Maine and pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(2) you are hereby directed to display this Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting at the polling places within your respective municipalities to assist the voters of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") in voting at the budget validation referendum to be held on June 14, 2022, for the purpose of determining if the Regional School Unit budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year that was adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 25, 2022, should be approved.

Cost Center Summary Budget Category	Amount Recommended by School Board	Amount Approved by Voters at Budget Meeting¹
Regular Instruction	\$ 16,401,257.00	\$
Special Education	\$ 4,972,716.00	\$
Career and Technical Education	\$ 184,596.00	\$
Other Instruction	\$ 919,069.00	\$
Student and Staff Support	\$ 3,594,805.00	\$
System Administration	\$ 1,082,988.00	\$
School Administration	\$ 1,942,616.00	\$
Transportation and Buses	\$ 1,438,023.00	\$
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 5,100,233.00	\$
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 1,181,603.00	\$
All Other Expenditures	\$ 293,245.00	\$
Summary of Total Authorized General Fund Expenditures:	\$ 37,111,151.00	\$

¹Amounts to be completed by Superintendent of Schools under authority of the School Board.

The amount approved at the Regional School Unit budget meeting includes locally raised funds that exceed the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 15671-A(5).

Disposition of Additional State Subsidy²: The voters of the Regional School Unit have authorized the School Board to use all or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or 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.

²Under authority of the School Board, the Superintendent of Schools must strike the statement concerning Disposition of Additional State Subsidy if the voters did not so authorize.

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5

Dated: _____, 2022

Becky Foley, Superintendent of Schools