

Annual Budget Meeting
May 22, 2013
Freeport High School Gymnasium

Superintendent Welsh officially called to order the Annual Budget Meeting for Regional School Unit No. 5 at 6:35 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Im thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and explained the following:

- The 5 Ballot clerks have been sworn in. Voting attendees should have a yellow voting card.
- The meeting will follow the Maine Moderators Manual with a few modifications as follows.
 - Mr. Im allowed the following administrators in RSU5 who live outside Durham, Freeport or Pownal be allowed to answer questions at this meeting: Tom Ambrose, Ann Marie Barter, Lisa Demick, Will Pidden, Ryan Gleason, Seth Thompson, Dennis Ouellette, Dominic DePatsy and Joe Makley. There were no objections
 - As needed debate will be limited to 2 minutes per article.
 - To avoid confusion there will be no amendments to amendments to motions.
 - By law Articles 12, 13 and 14 require recorded votes.
 - By law Article 15 requires a written ballot

There were no objections to the modifications to the Maine Moderators Guide

Ground rules on speaking:

- Come to microphone in the center to speak.
- State your name, the town you are from and what your purpose for speaking.
- No generalized speeches
- The bond for renovations to Freeport High School is separate from the school budget we are discussing tonight.
- Questions are addressed to the Moderator.
- If you wish to speak, line up at the microphone.
- If you wish to end debate on a motion say, "I move the previous question".
- The meeting will vote by raising the yellow voting cards and say Aye or Nay

ARTICLE 1: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support, **\$2,389,233.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 2: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for School Administration, **\$1,205,147.00**

Amendment: Moved by Jon Morris from Pownal and seconded to amend the Article upward of \$45,000.

Hand Vote – Too close to decide.

Counted Recorded Hand Vote: 124 For / 83 Against: Motion as amended carries

Original motion as amended, to authorized the Regional School Unit to expend \$1,250,147 for School Administration.

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

After the meeting moved on to Article 6, Jeff Wakemen from Pownal challenged the vote on the amendment to Article 2. The Moderator ruled the opportunity to re-vote had been lost because the challenge was not timely.

A motion was made by Jeff Wakeman from Pownal and seconded by 7 members at the meeting that the Moderator's ruling be overruled. Mr. Wakeman withdrew his motion until further information could be obtained from the clerks.

A motion was made by Jeff Wakeman from Pownal and seconded by 7 members at the meeting to overrule the Moderators decision to accept the vote in favor to Article 2.

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

It was moved and seconded by members at the meeting to reconsider Article 2.

Moderator - Motion to reconsider the motion to amend Article 2 upward by \$45,000.

Counted Recorded Hand Vote: 96 For / 67 Against: Re-voted amendment carries

Article 2 as amended, to authorized the Regional School Unit to expend \$1,250,147 for School Administration.

Hand Vote - Yes: Re-voted as amended carries

ARTICLE 3: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance, **\$2,936,504.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 4: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education, **\$461,494.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 5: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray 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. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction, **\$11,060,907.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 7: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Other Instruction, **\$678,292.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 8: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for System Administration, **\$685,897.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 9: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses, **\$1,369,698.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 10: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments, **\$1,754,858.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 11: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Special Education, **\$3,161,883.00**

Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 12: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray 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: \$ 7,132,265.00	Town of Durham: \$ 2,851,070.50
Town of Freeport: \$11,675,886.18	Town of Freeport: \$11,559,588.50
Town of Pownal: \$ 1,916,330.44	Town of Pownal: \$ 1,496,700.50
Regional School Unit Total	Regional School Unit
Appropriated	Total Raised:
(Sum of above) \$20,724,481.62	(Sum of above) \$15,907,359.50

Required Recorded Vote: 136 For / 23 Against: Motion carries

ARTICLE 13: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray 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 \$412,999.00

Required Recorded Vote: 154 For / 13 Against: Motion carries

ARTICLE 14: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray 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.

Required Recorded Vote: 155 For / 16 Against: Motion carries

ARTICLE 15: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$3,441,243**), which allows this budget to exceed the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$3,156,526**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board.

The Regional School Unit Board recommends \$3,441,243 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$3,156,526: **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.**

Amendment: Ms. Wentworth moved, Mr. Larkins seconded to recommend new amounts as raised and appropriated (\$3,652,637.38 local funds; \$3,486,245.06 exceed Essential Program and Services funding formula)

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

Original motion as amended that the Regional School unit raise and appropriate \$3,652,637.38 local funds; \$3,486,245.06 exceed Essential Program and Services funding formula.

Written Ballot (required) - 138 For / 22 Against : Motion as amended carries

ARTICLE 16: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Regional School Unit authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 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, **\$25,810,311.00**

Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded to change the Board's recommended amount of the summary of total school budget to \$25,855,313

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

Article 16 as amended for a total school budget of \$25,855,313

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries as amended

ARTICLE 17: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray 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: Motion carries

ARTICLE 18: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that Regional School Unit No. 5 will appropriate **\$203,346.00** 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.

Amendment: Moved by Jane Rice from Durham and seconded to amend Article 18 downward by \$5,000.

Hand Vote – No: Motion Fails

Hand Vote on Original Motion as Written: - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 19: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 be approved in the amount of **\$1,851,159**.

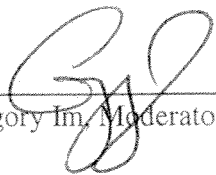
Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 20: Mr. Larkins moved, Mr. Murray seconded that the Board of Directors be authorized to transfer \$50,000 from unexpended balances at the end of the 2013-2014 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 \$120,003 from said Capital Reserve Fund for those purposes?

Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

Mr. Im reminded everyone that June 11, 2013 is the referendum vote on the budget.

Moved by Mr. Larkins, seconded by Mr. Murray to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.



Gregory Im, Moderator



Date