

**Annual Budget Meeting
May 26, 2010
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.

Chair Larkins reminded those in attendance to pick up the handouts on the table in the foyer, which include figures, and explanations on the budget. Chair Larkins also reminded everyone the next step in the budget process is the June 8, 2010 referendum. Absentee ballots will be available on May 27, 2010

Superintendent Welsh mentioned over the past year the Board has adopted a Vision, Mission and Strategic Framework for the RSU. A student prepared video was shown on what students love about the education they received at Freeport High School.

Article 1A: Board Chair Larkins nominated James G. Boyles for Moderator. Board member Dube seconded the nomination.

No further nominations occurred and Mr. Boyles was elected by unanimous vote. James G. Boyles was sworn in by Superintendent Welsh.

Mr. Boyles explained non-members of the community could only speak if given permission by members present. Mr. Boyles asked for unanimous consent that the following non-resident Administrators: Cheryl White, Will Pidden, Ryan Gleason, Joan Nason, Russell Packett, Dennis Ouellette, Sarah Simmonds be allowed to speak. There being no objection it was so ordered.

Mr. Boyles explained some process/rules for the meeting:

- A person may not speak before being recognized by the moderator;
- This is not an open discussion meeting; a motion or amendment must be on the floor before discussion takes place;
- Speakers must come to the microphone and state their name and town of residence.

ARTICLE 1: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support, **\$1,908,584.00**
Board member Dube seconded.

Amendment: Moved by Karen White of Durham, with multiple seconds, to change the amount to \$1,913,984.00

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Amendment carries

Voice/Hand Vote on amended main motion – Yes

ARTICLE 2: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for School Administration, **\$1,098,849.00**
Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote - Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 3: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance, **\$3,007,983.00**.

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 4: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education, **\$282,142.00.**

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

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

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 6: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction, **\$9,561,862.00.**

Board member Dube seconded.

Amendment: Moved by Peter Murray of Freeport, with multiple seconds, to change the amount to \$9,621,862.00.

Hand Vote: Yes – 74 / No – 53: Amendment passes

Amendment: Moved by Laurie Poissonnier of Durham, with multiple seconds, to change the amount to \$9,801,862.00.

Hand Vote: Yes – 75 / No – 63: Amendment passes

Voice/Hand Vote on amended main motion - Yes

ARTICLE 7: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Other Instruction, **\$527,481.00.**

Board member Dube seconded.

Amendment: Moved by Rachel Parker of Pownal, with multiple seconds, to change the amount to \$542,481.00

Amendment to the Amendment: Moved by Scott Poulin of Freeport, with multiple seconds, to change the original amendment amount to \$557,481.

Voice/Hand Vote: Amendment fails

Original Amendment: To change the amount to \$542,481.00.

Hand Vote: Yes – 55 / No – 67: Amendment fails

Voice/Hand Vote on main motion - Yes

ARTICLE 8: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for System Administration, **\$625,672.00.**

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 9: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses, **\$1,195,300.00**

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 10: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments, **\$2,148,795.00**

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 11: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend for Special Education, **\$2,914,032.00.**

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 12: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit 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 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 the following amounts:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):	Total raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):
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Town of Durham: \$ 6,723,363.13	Town of Durham: \$2,443,980.00
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Town of Freeport: \$11,015,956.59	Town of Freeport: \$10,513,379.00
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Town of Pownal: \$ 1,804,228.76	Town of Pownal: \$1,306,860.00
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Regional School Unit Total	Regional School Unit
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Appropriated	Total Raised:
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(Sum of above) \$19,543,548.48	(Sum of above) \$14,264,219.00
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Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 13: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit 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, **\$177,938.00**

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 14: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000.00 in additional local dollars in support of the school nutrition program.

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 15: (Written ballot required). Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit raise and appropriate in additional local funds **\$3,210,824.00**, which exceeds the State's

Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$2,782,723** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board.

Board member Dube seconded.

Written Ballot (required) - Yes – 115 / No – 36: Motion carries

ARTICLE 16: Chair Larkins moved that the Regional School Unit authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 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, **\$23,622,500.00**

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 17: Chair Larkins moved that in addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, the Regional School Unit Board be authorized to expend federal stabilization funds and such other 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.

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 18: Chair Larkins moved that Regional School Unit No. 5 appropriate **\$142,121.00** 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.

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

ARTICLE 19: Chair Larkins moved that the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 be approved in the amount of **\$1,781,284.00**.

Board member Dube seconded.

Voice/Hand Vote – Yes: Motion carries

Moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

James G. Boyles, Moderator

Date