

**6:00-6:30 P.M. – Q & A**

***This is an opportunity for community members to ask Board members questions about the Board's FY26 Adopted Budget***

**REGULAR MEETING OF RSU NO. 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEDNESDAY– APRIL 9, 2025  
DURHAM COMMUNITY 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:

\_\_\_ Colin Cheney

\_\_\_ Anna Child

\_\_\_ Candace deCsipkes

\_\_\_ Malik Farlow

\_\_\_ Cheyenne Farrell

\_\_\_ Danielle George

\_\_\_ Kara Kaikini

\_\_\_ Elisabeth Munsen

\_\_\_ Maura Pillsbury

\_\_\_ Michelle Ritcheson

\_\_\_ Kelly Sink

\_\_\_ Moon Tussing, Student Representative

\_\_\_ Phoebe Williamson, Student Representative

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

4. Consideration of Minutes:

A. Consideration and approval of the Minutes of March 26, 2025 as presented barring any errors or omissions.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Adjustments to the Agenda:

6. Good News & Recognition: (10 Minutes)

A. Report from Board's Student Representative

7. Public Comments: (10 Minutes)

8. Reports from Superintendent: (10 Minutes)

A. Support Staff New Hires: Jesse Adamo, Food Service Assistant  
Heather Meier, FHS Office Secretary

B. Migration of Students

9. Administrator Reports: (10 Minutes)

A. Update from Durham Community School - Will Pidden

10. Board Comments and Committee Reports:

None

11. Policy Review:

None

12. Unfinished Business: (10 Minutes)

- A. 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.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd : \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

13. New Business:

None

14. Personnel:

None

15. Public Comments: (10 Minutes)

16. Adjournment:

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd : \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.  
Freeport High School - Library  
Meeting Minutes**

Item #4.A.

(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 9, 2024 meeting).

**1. CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney, Anna Child, Candace deCsipkes, Malik Farlow, Cheyenne Farrell, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink and PMoon Tussing, Student Representative (left at 7:30 p.m.)  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

- A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of March 19, 2025. (Kaikini – George) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

**5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Make Item#8.C. Item#8. D. and add new Item#8.C.

**6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:**

- A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Moon Tussing

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Trevor Bean, Auburn; Tracey Tremblay, Durham; Janice Flynn, Freeport; Crystal Boucher, Freeport

**8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:**

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Support Staff New Hires: Alicia Bennett, Bus Driver
- C. Resignations: Amy St.Pierre, FMS Principal
- D. Update of FY26 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

**9. PUBLIC INPUT:**

- A. Public Input on the FY26 Superintendent's Proposed Budget  
Sarah Kelley, Freeport

**10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**

- A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth

**11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
  - Maura Pillsbury provided an update on MSBA including cell phone use, recalling school board members and FDA.
- B. Finance Committee and Facilities and Operations Committee Joint Meeting

**12. POLICY REVIEW:**

None

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Board Deliberations on the FY26 Superintendent's proposed Budget
- B. **VOTED:** To approve the FY26 Superintendent's Proposed Budget as amended with 4.5 FTE's 1 at DCS, 1 at MLS, 2 at FMS, and .5 ESOL added back from Superintendent's Recommended Budget. (Sink – Munsen) (11 – 0)

Amendments

1. Add increase ESOL teacher by .5 \$51,000 (Munsen - George) (11 - 0)
2. Add 1 FTE teacher and 1 Ed Tech for Mast Landing School (Pillsbury - Farrell) (6 - 5 Farlow, Munsen, Ritcheson, George, Sink)
3. Add 3rd and 5th grade teacher at Durham Community School (Pillsbury - Kaikini) Motion Withdrawn
4. Remove the grade 4 FTE and 1 Ed Tech at Mast Landing School (Sink - Munsen) (7 - 4 Farrell, Pillsbury, Child, Kaikini)
5. Add little pieces back Freeport Middle School (Kaikini - Pillsbury) (3 - 8 Farrell, Cheney, Sink, Munsen, Ritcheson, George, Child, deCsipkes)
6. Add 1 FTE each at Mast Landing School, Durham Community School and Freeport Middle School at discretion of administration (Cheney - Child) (9 - 2 Munsen, Pillsbury)
7. Add 1 Ed Tech (bench sub) and 1 Teacher at Freeport Middle School (Pillsbury - Kaikini) Withdrawn
8. Add .5 Freeport High School, 1 Freeport Middle School, 1 Ed Tech MLS (Pillsbury - Kaikini) (3 - 8 Ritcheson, Sink, Munsen, Farlow, Farrell, Cheney, Child, George)
9. Add 1 FTE at Freeport Middle School (wellness) (Child - Kaikini) (6 - 5 Sink, Cheney, Munsen, Ritcheson, George)
10. Add .5 ELA at Freeport High School (Pillsbury - Kaikini) (3 - 8 Farrell, Farlow, Cheney, George, Sink, Munsen, Ritcheson, deCsipkes)
11. Add bench sub Ed Tech (Pillsbury - Kaikini) (3 - 8 Munsen, Ritcheson, Sink, deCsipkes, Cheney, Child, Farlow, George)
12. Remove 1 DCS and bench sub at Mast Landing School, add .5 FHS (Maura - No second)

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**15. PERSONNEL:**

None

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

**VOTED:** To adjourn at 10:19 p.m. (Sink – Farrell) (11 – 0)

  
Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools

Item #8.B.

**Migration of Students October 1st 2015 - 2024**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Total Number<br/>of RSU5<br/>Resident<br/>Students<br/>Attending<br/>Other Schools</b> | <b>October 1st<br/>Enrollment</b> | <b>Percentage of<br/>Students<br/>Attending<br/>Other<br/>Schools</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2015</b> | 388                                                                                       | 1846                              | 21.02%                                                                |
| <b>2016</b> | 398                                                                                       | 1883                              | 21.14%                                                                |
| <b>2017</b> | 389                                                                                       | 1947                              | 19.98%                                                                |
| <b>2018</b> | 379                                                                                       | 1993                              | 19.02%                                                                |
| <b>2019</b> | 396                                                                                       | 2012                              | 19.68%                                                                |
| <b>2020</b> | 439                                                                                       | 1949                              | 22.52%                                                                |
| <b>2021</b> | 405                                                                                       | 1990                              | 20.35%                                                                |
| <b>2022</b> | 392                                                                                       | 2066                              | 18.97%                                                                |
| <b>2023</b> | 339                                                                                       | 2084                              | 16.27%                                                                |
| <b>2024</b> | 357                                                                                       | 1997                              | 17.88%                                                                |

**RSU5 Resident Students Attending Other Schools as of October 1, 2024**

| <b>School</b>                                                                                                                                                          |                   | <b>Durham</b> | <b>Freeport</b> | <b>Pownal</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Baxter Academy                                                                                                                                                         | Charter           | 7             | 7               | 0             | 14           |
| Fiddlehead School of Arts & Science                                                                                                                                    | Charter           | 3             | 0               | 0             | 3            |
| Maine Arts Academy                                                                                                                                                     | Charter           | 1             | 0               | 0             | 1            |
| Maine Connections Academy                                                                                                                                              | Charter           | 2             | 1               | 0             | 3            |
| Maine Virtual Academy                                                                                                                                                  | Charter           | 2             | 0               | 0             | 2            |
| Homeschooled                                                                                                                                                           | Homeschooled      | **            | **              | **            | 82           |
| North Yarmouth Academy                                                                                                                                                 | Private           | 3             | 33              | 5             | 41           |
| Waynflete                                                                                                                                                              | Private           | 1             | 15              | 2             | 18           |
| Maine Coast Waldorf (previously Merriconeag Waldorf)                                                                                                                   | Private           | 14            | 64              | 6             | 84           |
| Friends School of Portland                                                                                                                                             | Private           | 3             | 12              | 0             | 15           |
| L'Ecole Francaise du Maine                                                                                                                                             | Private           | 0             | 9               | 0             | 9            |
| Freedom Christian Academy                                                                                                                                              | Private           | 2             | 0               | 0             | 2            |
| Breakwater School                                                                                                                                                      | Private           | 0             | 1               | 1             | 2            |
| Greater Portland Christian School                                                                                                                                      | Private/Religious | 0             | 4               | 0             | 4            |
| Pine Tree Academy                                                                                                                                                      | Private/Religious | 0             | 10              | 0             | 10           |
| Cheverus                                                                                                                                                               | Private/Religious | 2             | 10              | 0             | 12           |
| St. John's Catholic School                                                                                                                                             | Private/Religious | 4             | 8               | 2             | 14           |
| Lisbon Falls Christian Academy                                                                                                                                         | Private/Religious | 5             | 4               | 1             | 10           |
| St. Doms Academy                                                                                                                                                       | Private/Religious | 1             | 0               | 0             | 1            |
| Open Door Christian Academy                                                                                                                                            | Private/Religious | 4             | 0               | 0             | 4            |
| Brunswick School Department                                                                                                                                            | Public            | 2             | 1               | 0             | 3            |
| Falmouth School Department                                                                                                                                             | Public            | 0             | 3               | 0             | 3            |
| Lisbon School Department                                                                                                                                               | Public            | 3             | 0               | 0             | 3            |
| MSAD 51 Cumberland/No. Yarmouth                                                                                                                                        | Public            | 1             | 0               | 0             | 1            |
| MSAD 75 Topsham/Bowdoin/Bowdoinham/Harpswell                                                                                                                           | Public            | 1             | 0               | 0             | 1            |
| Portland Public Schools                                                                                                                                                | Public            | 0             | 1               | 0             | 1            |
| Yarmouth School Department                                                                                                                                             | Public            | 0             | 8               | 0             | 8            |
| RSU 14 Windham/Raymond                                                                                                                                                 | Public            | 2             | 0               | 0             | 2            |
| Unorganized Terr (Edmunds Consolidated School)                                                                                                                         | Public            | 2             | 0               | 0             | 2            |
| Maine School of Science & Math                                                                                                                                         | Public            | 1             | 1               | 0             | 2            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                           |                   | <b>66</b>     | <b>192</b>      | <b>17</b>     | <b>357</b>   |
| 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, 2023

| School                                                                                                                                                                 |                   | Durham    | Freeport   | Pownal    | Total      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Baxter Academy                                                                                                                                                         | Charter           | 6         | 8          | 0         | 14         |
| Fiddlehead School of Arts & Science                                                                                                                                    | Charter           | 3         | 0          | 0         | 3          |
| Maine Connections Academy                                                                                                                                              | Charter           | 3         | 1          | 0         | 4          |
| Maine Virtual Academy                                                                                                                                                  | Charter           | 1         | 2          | 0         | 3          |
| Homeschooled                                                                                                                                                           | Homeschooled      | **        | **         | **        | 95         |
| North Yarmouth Academy                                                                                                                                                 | Private           | 3         | 35         | 8         | 46         |
| Waynflete                                                                                                                                                              | Private           | 1         | 16         | 2         | 19         |
| Maine Coast Waldorf (previously Merriconeag Waldorf)                                                                                                                   | Private           | 12        | 49         | 6         | 67         |
| Friends School of Portland                                                                                                                                             | Private           | 2         | 11         | 0         | 13         |
| L'Ecole Francaise du Maine                                                                                                                                             | Private           | 0         | 10         | 0         | 10         |
| Freedom Christian Academy                                                                                                                                              | Private           | 2         | 0          | 0         | 2          |
| Breakwater School                                                                                                                                                      | Private           | 0         | 1          | 0         | 1          |
| Fryeburg Academy                                                                                                                                                       | Private           | 0         | 1          | 0         | 1          |
| Greater Portland Christian School                                                                                                                                      | Private/Religious | 0         | 4          | 0         | 4          |
| Central Maine Christian Academy                                                                                                                                        | Private/Religious | 1         | 0          | 0         | 1          |
| Pine Tree Academy                                                                                                                                                      | Private/Religious | 4         | 10         | 0         | 14         |
| Cheverus                                                                                                                                                               | Private/Religious | 1         | 9          | 0         | 10         |
| St. John's Catholic School                                                                                                                                             | Private/Religious | 2         | 7          | 1         | 10         |
| St. Doms Academy                                                                                                                                                       | Private/Religious | 2         | 0          | 0         | 2          |
| Brunswick School Department                                                                                                                                            | Public            | 2         | 0          | 0         | 2          |
| Falmouth School Department                                                                                                                                             | Public            | 0         | 3          | 0         | 3          |
| Lisbon School Department                                                                                                                                               | Public            | 2         | 0          | 0         | 2          |
| MSAD 51 Cumberland/No. Yarmouth                                                                                                                                        | Public            | 1         | 0          | 0         | 1          |
| Yarmouth School Department                                                                                                                                             | Public            | 0         | 9          | 0         | 9          |
| Maine School of Science & Math                                                                                                                                         | Public            | 2         | 1          | 0         | 3          |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                           |                   | <b>50</b> | <b>177</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>339</b> |
| 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                                                                                                                           |                   |           |            |           |            |

April 9, 2025

**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 14, 2025 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2025-2026 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 10, 2025 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2025-2026 fiscal year;

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 14, 2025, 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 10, 2025 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum; and

That the Budget Meeting Warrant, the Warrant and Notice of Election, and the Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting shall each be signed by a majority of the School Board, and that such signatures may be made by execution of counterparts, or in person at the convenience of the members of the School Board.

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

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Jean Skorapa, Secretary

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

TO: Kelly M. Wentworth, 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 Durham Community School, 654 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine at 6:30 p.m. on May 14, 2025 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 \$19,356,261**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$6,513,451**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$307,645**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,119,087**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$4,644,307**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,263,587**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$2,514,485**

- ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,931,576**
- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.  
**School Board Recommends \$5,490,511**
- ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,087,428**
- ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.  
**School Board Recommends \$139,591**

**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 20A, section 15688.  
**Recommended amounts set forth below:**

| <b>Total Appropriated<br/>(by municipality):</b> |                         | <b>Total Raised (and Regional School Unit<br/>assessments by municipality):</b> |                         |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Town of Durham                                   | \$ 9,124,451.74         | Town of Durham                                                                  | \$ 3,655,120.00         |
| Town of Freeport                                 | \$ 15,036,208.35        | Town of Freeport                                                                | \$ 14,153,931.67        |
| Town of Pownal                                   | \$ 2,683,281.37         | Town of Pownal                                                                  | \$ 2,179,326.67         |
| <b>Total Appropriated<br/>(sum of above)</b>     | <b>\$ 26,843,941.46</b> | <b>Total Raised<br/>(sum of above)</b>                                          | <b>\$ 19,988,378.34</b> |

*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 pre-kindergarten to grade 12.  
**School Board Recommends \$118,908.77**

*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 (**Recommend \$15,405,513.13**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$15,617,478.13**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$15,405,513.13, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$15,617,478.13. 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 reflect the adjustment to the required local contribution in Article 12 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, 2025 through June 30, 2026 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, local funds for non-state-funded school construction debt services, 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 \$44,367,929**

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

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$133,000** for adult education and raise **\$88,000** 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.

**ARTICLES 17 THROUGH 20 AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS TO AND EXPENDITURES  
FROM THE ARTICLE RESERVE FUNDS**

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the School Board be authorized to (i) transfer **\$295,800** from available fund balances to the Regular Instruction reserve fund; and (ii) expend from the Regular Instruction reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the School Board be authorized to (i) transfer **\$618,517** from available fund balances to the Special Education reserve fund; and (ii) expend from the Special Education reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the School Board be authorized to expend from the Student & Staff Support reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the School Board be authorized to expend from the Transportation reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$1,520,059** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend up to **\$2,495,234** from the capital reserve funds as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

**ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE TRACK AND FIELD  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$35,000** 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 23 AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE TENNIS COURT  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$40,000** from available fund balances 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 24 AUTHORIZES THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 be approved in the amount of **\$4,312,957?**

**ARTICLES 25 THROUGH 26 AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER TO AND  
EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall Maine Region 10 Technical High School ("Region 10") authorize the Cooperative Board to transfer up to **\$280,000** from undesignated fund balances to the Region 10 Capital Reserve Fund?

**ARTICLE 26:** Shall Maine Region 10 Technical High School ("Region 10") delegate authority to the Cooperative Board to expend additional balances accumulated in the Region 10 Capital Reserve Fund from time-to-time on such specific items or types of capital improvements or equipment as the Cooperative Board determines to be needed by Region 10?

**ARTICLE 27 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 27:** 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 28 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS**

**ARTICLE 28:** Shall the School Board 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 2025-2026 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

Given under our hand this day, April 9, 2025 at Durham, Maine.

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

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly M. Wentworth, 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)                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Durham   |         |         | Durham Get & Go<br>Durham Town Office<br>Durham Community School                                                                                                          |
| Freeport |         |         | Bessie’s Farm Stand<br>Doherty’s North Freeport Store<br>Freeport Community Library<br>Freeport Community Services<br>Harraseeket Lunch & Lobster<br>Freeport Town Office |
| Pownal   |         |         | Pownal Short Stop<br>Pownal Town Hall<br>Pownal Post Office                                                                                                               |

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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Kelly M. Wentworth, Resident of Pownal  
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: Kelly M. Wentworth, 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 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**

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Kimberly Garneau, Resident 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 Durham Amvets, 1049 Royalsborough Road in the Town of Durham on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 for the purpose of determining the following articles:

Article 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 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?

Article 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 ARTICLE 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 voting on Article 1 and Article 2 shall be by secret ballot referendum. The polls will be opened immediately after election of the moderator following commencement of the meeting 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 9, 2025 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly M. Wentworth  
Resident of Pownal  
Regional School Unit No. 5

Countersigned this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 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:

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Jessica L. Landberg, Municipal Clerk  
Durham, Maine

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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.

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Kelly M. Wentworth  
Resident of Pownal  
Regional School Unit No. 5

RETURN

Cumberland 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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Kimberly Garneau, Resident  
Durham, Maine

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

TO: Kelly M. Wentworth, 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 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: Nathaniel Goodman, Police Chief 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 10, 2025 for the purpose of determining the following articles:

Article 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 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?

Article 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 ARTICLE 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 voting on Article 1 and Article 2 shall be by secret ballot referendum. The polls will be opened immediately after election of the moderator following commencement of the meeting 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 9, 2025 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly M. Wentworth  
Resident of Pownal  
Regional School Unit No. 5

Countersigned this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 at Freeport, Maine.

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A majority of the Municipal Officers of Freeport, Maine

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Wolfe, Municipal Clerk  
Freeport, Maine

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly M. Wentworth  
Resident of Pownal  
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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Nathaniel Goodman, Police Chief  
Freeport, Maine

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

TO: Kelly M. Wentworth, 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 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: Kathleen Hogue, 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 Town Hall, 429 Hallowell Road in the Town of Pownal on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 for the purpose of determining the following articles:

Article 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 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?

Article 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 ARTICLE 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 voting on Article 1 and Article 2 shall be by secret ballot referendum. The polls will be opened immediately after election of the moderator following commencement of the meeting 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 9, 2025 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly M. Wentworth  
Resident of Pownal  
Regional School Unit No. 5

Countersigned this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 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:

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Rebecca Taylor Chase, Municipal Clerk  
Pownal, Maine

RETURN

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly M. Wentworth  
Resident of Pownal  
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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Kathleen Hogue, 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 10, 2025, for the purpose of determining if the Regional School Unit budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year that was adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 14, 2025, should be approved.

| <b>Cost Center Summary<br/>Budget Category</b>                    | <b>Amount Recommended<br/>by School Board</b> | <b>Amount Approved by<br/>Voters at Budget Meeting<sup>1</sup></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Regular Instruction                                               | \$ 19,356,261                                 | \$                                                                 |
| Special Education                                                 | \$ 6,513,451                                  | \$                                                                 |
| Career and Technical Education                                    | \$ 307,645                                    | \$                                                                 |
| Other Instruction                                                 | \$ 1,119,087                                  | \$                                                                 |
| Student and Staff Support                                         | \$ 4,644,307                                  | \$                                                                 |
| System Administration                                             | \$ 1,263,587                                  | \$                                                                 |
| School Administration                                             | \$ 2,514,485                                  | \$                                                                 |
| Transportation and Buses                                          | \$ 1,931,576                                  | \$                                                                 |
| Facilities Maintenance                                            | \$ 5,490,511                                  | \$                                                                 |
| Debt Service and Other Commitments                                | \$ 1,087,428                                  | \$                                                                 |
| All Other Expenditures                                            | \$ 139,591                                    | \$                                                                 |
| <b>Summary of Total Authorized General<br/>Fund Expenditures:</b> | <b>\$ 44,367,929</b>                          | <b>\$</b>                                                          |

<sup>1</sup>Amounts 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).

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Jean Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools  
Regional School Unit No. 5