

**RSU #63 Budget Meeting**  
**Date: May 22, 2025**  
**Location: Holbrook Middle School**  
**Minutes**

RSU #63 Chair, Linda Graban called the meeting to order at 6:30pm for the purpose of determining the Budget Articles set forth below.

**Warrant Articles (Attachment A)**

**Article 1:**

**“To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.”** School budget for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Motion with a second to nominate John Bunker for the position of Moderator for the RSU #63 Budget Meeting.

John Bunker accepted the nomination. There were no other motions from the floor. **By written ballot, John Bunker was elected Moderator with Mr. Bunker receiving 14 votes with 0 opposed.**

Linda Graban, Board Chair, swore in Mr. Bunker.

A motion was made by Tom Copeland with a second by Benjamin Breadmore to consolidate Articles 2 through 11 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written.

Discussion: .

**By a show of hands, motion to consolidate Articles 2 through 11 of the RSU #63 Warrant passed with 10 in favor and 3 opposed.**

**Article 2 -11:**

Mr. Bunker asked for a motion to approve Articles 2 through 12 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written.

Discussion: Susan Shane, Town of Eddington resident thanked the Budget and Finance Committee, Kelly Theriault, RSU 63 Business Manager, and Superintendent Jared Fulgoni for their work on this budget. She questioned salary funds as Teachers are still negotiating their contracts as well as the \$650,000 that was added to the budget last year and still listed in this budget. Kelly Theriault explained the process on salaries and negotiations as well as the \$650,000.

**By a show of hands, motion to approve Articles 2 through 11 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written, passed with 11 in favor and 1 opposed.**

**Article 12:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 12. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 12 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amounts of

**Total Appropriated**

*Clifton*                \$1,149,235.81  
*Eddington*           \$3,225,393.21  
*Holden*                \$4,811,908.18

**Total Raised**

*Clifton*                \$623,115.00  
*Eddington*           \$1,409,811.67  
*Holden*                \$2,304,885.00

**School District Total**

*Appropriated*      \$9,186,537.20

**School District Total**

*Raised*                \$4,337,811.67

**By a show of hands, Articles 12 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed, with 10 in favor and 0 opposed.**

**Article 13:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 13. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 13 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$2,385,831.98.

**By secret ballot, Article 13 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$2,385,831.98, with 15 in favor and 3 opposed.**

**Vote: 15 Yes; 3 Opposed**

**Article 14:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 14. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 14 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$12,694,262.79.

**By a show of hands, Articles 14 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$12,694,262.79 with 10 in favor and 1 opposed.**

**Article 15:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 15. Kelly Theriault advised the appropriation amount listed as \$4,000.00 in the article needs to be amended to match the raised amount of \$3,740.00 in the motion. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 15 of the RSU #63 Warrant as amended in the amount of \$3,740.00.

**By a show of hands, Articles 15 of the RSU #63 Warrant as amended passed in the amount of \$3,740.00, with 11 in favor and 0 opposed.**

**Article 16:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 16. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 16 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$5,603,413.72.

**By a show of hands, Articles 16 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$5,603,413.72, with 13 in favor and 0 opposed.**

**Vote: 13 Yes; 0 Opposed**

**Article 17:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 17. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 17 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$217,507.63.

**By a show of hands, Articles 17 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$217,507.63 with 14 in favor and 0 opposed.**

**Vote: 14 Yes; 0 Opposed**

**Article 18:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 18. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 18 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written.

**By a show of hands, Article 18 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed, with 12 in favor and 0 opposed.**

**Article 19:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 19. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 19 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

**By a show of hands, Article 19 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, with 13 in favor and 0 opposed.**

**Article 20:**

Mr. Bunker read Article 20. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 20 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

**By a show of hands, Article 20 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, with 11 in favor 2 opposed.**

Mr. Bunker asked if there was anyone else who had any comments or questions. Kelly Theriault, RSU #63 Business Manager thanked the Board and RSU 63 School District for their support over the past 12 years. She thanked Superintendent Fulgoni for his support and mentorship, and stated she has learned a lot from him and appreciated his support. She stated she has enjoyed working here. In the beginning it was very difficult to pass a budget, but the last few years it has been much easier. She thanked the towns for their support as well.

Benjamin Breadmore, Holden Town Manager read a statement (*Attachment B*) asking Superintendent Fulgoni, based on his experience and data collected, what school should the district retain and which school should they close. Superintendent Fulgoni advised he has no emotional attachment to either building. Based on the facts, safety, space, and cost savings, he stated Holden provides a more appropriate space, greater square footage, and room to grow. Transportation time is cut down, building maintenance is lower on future costs and needs. The building has a new generator and can be used as an emergency shelter. He stated that looking at it from an educational standpoint and based on the facts, Holden Elementary would be the better school to maintain and retain.

Mr. Bunker concluded the public comment and called for a motion to adjourn.

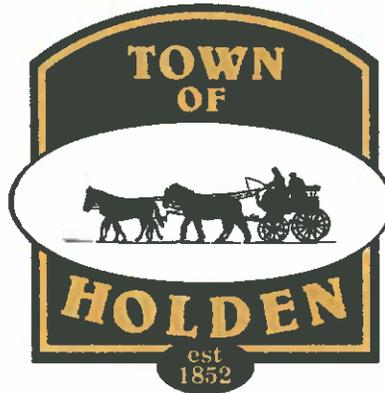
**Adjournment:** Motion with a second to adjourn at 7:15pm; the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Jared Fulgoni  
RSU #63 Superintendent of Schools

**APPROVED: June 23, 2025**



May 22, 2025

**Greetings Members of the RSU 63 Board of Directors,**

My name is Benjamin Breadmore, and I serve as the Town Manager for the Town of Holden. I am here this evening on behalf of the Holden Town Council and our residents.

Over a year ago, the Holden Town Council formally requested that the district pursue school consolidation as a means of increasing efficiency and reducing costs across our three communities. Since then, two separate committees have convened—each tasked with collecting data, conducting analysis, and evaluating the feasibility of consolidation. The most recent committee has gone even further by organizing public tours, consulting with engineering professionals, holding a public forum, and creating a dedicated webpage to ensure transparency and access to all consolidation-related information.

Throughout this process, it was repeatedly stated that a recommendation on school closure would be made in May. As this is the final meeting of the month and no recommendation has been presented, I believe we have unfortunately missed that timeline.

Despite this, we strongly urge the Board to continue moving this effort forward. This year, we are operating with seven empty classrooms; next year, that number will increase to nine. Superintendent Fulgoni has publicly stated on multiple occasions that maintaining all three school buildings is unnecessary—and that doing so will impose significant financial burdens on all our taxpayers in the years ahead.

At last week's public forum, I respected the three-minute time limit and used my opportunity to address questions from the audience. As a result, I did not have the chance to ask my own. I would like to close by respectfully doing so now:

**Superintendent Fulgoni, based on the data, analysis, and professional input gathered over the past year—including your own experience spanning more than 30 years in education and facility consolidation—which school is more practical to retain for the long-term benefit of the district, and which would be more appropriate to close?**

Thank you for your time and continued dedication to this important issue.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. K. Breadmore", written over the printed name.

Benjamin R. K. Breadmore

Town Manager