

**Regional School Unit 78**  
**Special School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3, 2016. 6:00 p.m.**  
**RLRS – All Purpose Room**

**Attending:** Chair Hilliard, Vice Chair Nuttall, Mr. Rideout, Mrs. J. Farmer, Mr. C. Farmer, Mrs. Haley, Dr. Koob, Mrs. Eastlack

Chair Hilliard described that this is a special meeting and that by policy it can only address items that need to be addressed prior to the next meeting and that appear on the agenda.

1. Appointment: Alan Elmes as middle school baseball coach

2. Nominations:

a. Ms. Dipompo to second year probationary contract.

b. Mrs. Ellis to continuing contract as P.E./health teacher

Motion by Mr. Farmer and second by Dr. Koob to rehire Ms. DiPompo on a second year probationary contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Farmer and second by Mrs. Nuttall to rehire Mrs. Ellis on a continuing contract. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Mrs. Farmer and second by Dr. Koob to rescind the board action of April 12, 2016 “to allocate not more than \$50,000 from capital reserve to pay for the up-front service fees for the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds.” Motion carried.

4. Motion by Mr. Farmer and second by Dr. Koob to rescind the board action of April 12, 2016 “to establish a concluding warrant article that would ask voters to add 1% to the gross budget to create a contingency account that could be used in any part of the budget, but would require a vote of the school board to access.” Motion carries.

5. Motion by Dr. Koob and seconded by Mrs. Farmer to approve article 12 of the draft warrant articles as presented. Motion carries. This draft read:

Shall the amounts approved in Articles 1 through 11 each be increased by 1% of the amounts recommended by the School Board as a Cost Center Contingency, which shall only be expended upon an express vote of the School Board?

**School Board Recommends a “Yes” Vote**

*Explanation: If Article 12 is approved, these are the contingency amounts by which each cost center article shall be increased:*

<i>Article 1:</i>	<i>\$15,980.18</i>	<i>Article 2:</i>	<i>\$5,521.38</i>
<i>Article 3:</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>Article 4:</i>	<i>\$1,257.16</i>
<i>Article 5:</i>	<i>\$3,157.78</i>	<i>Article 6:</i>	<i>\$2,757.21</i>
<i>Article 7:</i>	<i>\$1,391.05</i>	<i>Article 8:</i>	<i>\$2,575.01</i>
<i>Article 9:</i>	<i>\$5,390.53</i>	<i>Article 10:</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>

*Article 11:*            \$400.00

6. Motion by Mr. Farmer and second by Dr. Koob to rescind the board action of April 12, 2016 “to approve an RSU 78 budget of \$3,891,008.18.” Motion carried.
7. Motion by Mr. Farmer and second by Dr. Koob to approve article 15 of the draft warrant articles as presented. Motion carried.

Draft article 15 read:

To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 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 15960, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Board Recommends \$3,881,460.40**

8. Motion by Mrs. Farmer and second by Mrs. Nuttall to approve the hiring of an independent investigator to investigate a matter pertaining to the school system. Motion carried.
9. Adjournment, 6:28 p.m.

## MISSION

To inspire all learners to strive for success in a world yet to be fully imagined.

## VISION

RSU 78 envisions a broad range of choices for learning that inspires student and staff involvement in all aspects of academic life in a safe, fair, authentic, and personalized learning environment.

## 2015-16 GOALS

1. The board will adopt policies that:
  - A. Define how it will function
  - B. Define the linkages between the board and superintendent
  - C. Limit the scope of authority of the superintendent
  - D. Determine the RSU 78 "ENDS." What are we here for?
2. The RSU 78 School Board will adopt a "dashboard" which will be used to inform the board and drive its decisions in key areas.
3. The RSU 78 School Board will define the administrative structure of the district.
4. The RSU 78 School Board as a whole will participate in additional professional development in areas it deems most important to effective governance.

