

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 78
BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES
6/5/18 6:00 P.M.**

The voters of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit #78, namely, the Town of Rangeley and Dallas Plantation, Magalloway Plantation, Rangeley Plantation and Sandy River Plantation, that a Regional School Unit Budget met at Rangeley Lakes Regional School, 43 Mendolia Road, Rangeley, Maine 04970 at 6:00 p.m. on June 5, 2018 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles for the 2018-2019 fiscal year set forth below.

Nancy Hilliard, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

William Richards, Superintendent, gave an overview of the budget, referring to his letter presented in the budget book.

Richard Walker, Finance Committee Chair, gave his overview of the budget explaining the decisions of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

Nancy Hilliard read Article IA. Colleen Koob mad a motion to elect Carl M. Caspar as moderator. Seconded by Jennifer Farmer. Ballots were submitted by the RSU Board. Mr. Caspar was voted in unanimously. Evelyn Beaulieu, Town Clerk of Sandy River Plantation swore in the Moderator with the Moderators Oath.

Moderator Caspar went over the basic mechanics of the meeting – such as the use of the microphone and using the voter cards.

Moderator Caspar asked if there were any persons present that were not part of the RSU that would be requested to speak - None

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 \$1,483,010.63

See Exhibit 1 – Pages 10-14

Moved by Nancy Hilliard and Seconded by Jennifer Farmer

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 45 Yes, 0

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Board Recommends \$821,845.75

See Exhibit 2 – Pages 15-18

Moved by Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Jennifer Farmer

Discussion: No Discussion

Vote: 49 Yes, 0 No

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Board Recommends \$0.00

See Exhibit 3 – Page 32

Moved by Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: Scott Wilson asked why the amount is at \$0.00

Vote: 48 Yes, 0 No

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Board Recommends \$106,799.50

See Exhibit 4 – Page 19

Moved by Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 46 Yes, 0 No 2 Abstain

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Board Recommends \$322,250.63

See Exhibit 5 – Pages 20-24

Moved by Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: Gene Warfel,- What significant technology investment has occurred over the past 5 years. 100-150 people per technician. Put additional resources into technicians. Recommends additional technology staff.

. Holly Austin – Technology has been a struggle. Did not know board is cutting technology director to ½ time.

Gene Warfel – an increase in the size of the school and a decrease in the technology department will not work.

Lily Webber read a letter she addressed to the board in regards to her position as part time ed tech to technology asking to consider a teacher contract for her.

Gene Warfel – When the construction project was given to the voters there was no plan for infrastructure.

Holly Austin – Didn't know we were losing tech support.

Bill Richards, Superintendent – In order for position to be created, a job description needs to be drafted for the board. Gene and Bill have discussed in past about technology, could look at outside contract for technology, can not speak about bargaining unit.

Meghan Vryhof – Does \$20,000.00 get added into the budget?

Cyndy Egan – You are looking at outside contract?

Rick – Gene came to the board a year ago about construction, too \$183,000.00 for technology. Spent \$210,000.00. Tonight is the first time I've heard the world is falling down. Superintendent & Board will decide where it will go.

Gene Warfel – Not sure where \$210,000.00 went to, his total is \$185,000.00.

Sheila Raymond – Cameras

Sonja Johnson – Seen how we don't have a tech person such as testing. Right now, she's concerned with the number.

Gene Warfel – 2/3 of existing building is not wired because there are classes going on.

Gene Warfel made motion to add \$20,000.00 to article 5, Seconded by Holly Austin

Vote: 35 Yes 7 No

Vote on Amended Article 5 adding \$20,000.00 36 Yes 7 No

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Board Recommends \$240,403.53

See Exhibit 6 – Pages 25

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by: Colleen Koob

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 40 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Board Recommends \$210,551.09

See Exhibit 7 – Page 26-27

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by: Colleen Koob

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 46 Yes 0 No

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Board Recommends \$247,215.95

See Exhibit 8 – Pages 28

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 34 Yes 7 No

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board Recommends \$914,493.97

See Exhibit 9 – Pages 29-31

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 37 Yes 0 No

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Board Recommends \$0.00

See Exhibit 10 – Page 33

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 39 Yes 0 No

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.
School Board Recommends \$0.00

See Exhibit 11 – Page 31 and Page 34

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 41 Yes 0 No

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 13
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 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):	
Dallas Plantation	\$ 287,255.17	Dallas Plantation	\$ 266,750.71
Magalloway Plantation	\$ 164,335.45	Magalloway Plantation	\$ 152,605.08
Rangeley	\$ 1,881,760.32	Rangeley	\$ 1,747,439.08
Rangeley Plantation	\$ 239,467.81	Rangeley Plantation	\$ 222,374.45
Sandy River Plantation	\$ 82,034.97	Sandy River Plantation	\$ 76,179.27
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 2,674,853.72	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 2,485,348.59

Explanation: 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 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.

ARTICLE 13: **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$ 1,447,779.82**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$ 1,447,779.82**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$ 1,427,779.82, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$ 1,427,779.82. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: The State's funding model does not address the reasonable costs of rural schools.

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 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.

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Vote by written ballot: 47 Yes 3 No

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 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.
School Board Recommends \$4,366,571.05

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: None

Vote: 38 Yes 0 No

ARTICLE 15 RAISES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 for the school nutrition program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program.

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: None

Vote: 38 Yes 0 No

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$12,500.00** for adult education and raise **\$12,500.00** 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.

Motion made by: Colleen Koob, Seconded by Jennifer Farmer

Discussion: None

Vote: 37 Yes 0 No

See Exhibit 16 – Page 35

**ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 17: 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?

Motion made by: Nancy Hilliard, Seconded by Colleen Koob

Discussion: None

Vote: 38 Yes 0 No