

Mt. Blue Regional School District Annual Budget Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2017

Mt. Blue Campus Gymnasium

6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Richard Hargreaves, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Ryan Morgan, Robert Patterson, Lidie Robbins, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, Joe Grandall, and Griffin Mayhew.

Call to order at 7:15

Pledge

Motion and second from the floor nominating Ronald Aseltine: Moderator

Passed

Ballot Clerks sworn in.

521 registered voters in attendance.

Motion to limit debate to 15 minutes per article and two minutes per individual by Matt Allen.
Second from the floor. Motion not debatable. Vote by card. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 1:

To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Board Recommends \$10,270,169.00

Motion and Second from the floor for recommended amount.

Motion passes.

ARTICLE 2:

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

School Board Recommends \$5,254,968.00

Motion and Second from the floor for recommended amount.

Motion passes.

ARTICLE 3:

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

School Board Recommends \$1,642,513.00

Motion and Second from the floor for recommended amount.

Motion passes.

ARTICLE 4:

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

School Board Recommends \$451,029.00

Motion and Second from the floor for recommended amount.

Motion passes.

Motion and Second from the floor to take articles 5-11 at the recommended amount and vote as a block. Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote as it limits debate. Motion passes.

ARTICLE 5:

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

School Board Recommends \$2,284,976.00

ARTICLE 6:

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

School Board Recommends \$975,503.00

ARTICLE 7:

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

School Board Recommends \$1,342,858.00

ARTICLE 8:

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

School Board Recommends \$2,064,734.00

ARTICLE 9:

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

School Board Recommends \$3,482,615.00

ARTICLE 10:

To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Board Recommends \$5,867,728.00

ARTICLE 11:

To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Board Recommends \$0.00

Motion and Second from the floor to approve articles 5-11 at the recommended amounts. Motions under articles 5-11 pass.

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): | |
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| Town of Chesterville | \$ 2,290,819.10 | Town of Chesterville | \$ 760,305.00 |
| Town of Farmington | \$ 11,829,729.99 | Town of Farmington | \$ 3,642,775.50 |
| Town of Industry | \$ 1,554,756.94 | Town of Industry | \$ 665,164.50 |
| Town of New Sharon | \$ 2,987,343.75 | Town of New Sharon | \$ 803,712.00 |
| Town of New Vineyard | \$ 1,301,292.62 | Town of New Vineyard | \$ 567,840.00 |
| Town of Starks | \$ 636,147.56 | Town of Starks | \$ 330,876.00 |
| Town of Temple | \$ 962,154.35 | Town of Temple | \$ 335,107.50 |
| Town of Vienna | \$ 681,317.90 | Town of Vienna | \$ 553,917.00 |
| Town of Weld | \$ 372,593.10 | Town of Weld | \$ 336,736.84 |
| Town of Wilton | \$ 7,812,289.84 | Town of Wilton | \$ 2,219,080.50 |
| Total Appropriated (sum of above) | \$ 30,428,445.15 | Total Raised (sum of above) | \$ 10,215,514.84 |

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.

Motion and Second from the floor for recommended amount.

Motion passes.

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 kindergarten to grade 12.

School Board Recommends \$690,302.00

Motion and Second from the floor for recommended amount.

Motion passes.

ARTICLE 14: (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$1,621,345.85), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend \$1,084,756.50) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,084,756.50: EPS does not fully support all of the necessary costs of a comprehensive K-12 educational program, such as (1) athletics/co-curricular program costs; (2) transportation for rural school systems and athletics/co-curricular programs; (3) special education costs, (4) system administration costs, and (5) costs of maintaining class size smaller than are recognized by the Essential Programs and Services funding model.

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 and Second from the floor for recommended amount.

Motion passes.

ARTICLE 15:

To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, 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 \$33,637,093.00

Motion and Second from the floor for recommended amount.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion and second to adjourn from the floor at 8:57