**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 9**

**BUDGET MEETING**

**(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)**

**Minutes**

**In attendance:** Heather Ahern-Huish, Jennifer Zweig Hebert, Cherieann Harrison, Doug Dunlap, Scott Erb, Irv Faunce, Richard Hargreaves, Jeff Harris, Betsey Hyde, Tami Labul, Angie LeClair, Lidie Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, Iris Silverstein, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney, Griffin Mayhew

**Also present:** Monique Poulin, James Black, Nichole Goodspeed, Tracy Williams, Darlene Paine, Keith Acedo, Melissa Williams, Glenn Kapiloff, Jonathan Chalmers, Katie Duchesne, Christine Gatto-Shea, Cynthia Bernstein, Laura Columbia

At 7:10 pm there were 363 registered voters present.

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

Motion: Tiffany Mauri Second: Gail Carlson

**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 $10,832,765.00**

Motion: Angie LeClair Second: Irv Faunce

Motion and second from the floor to amend to $10,371,362 (by subtracting the entire cost of the PALS Program.) Amendment defeated.

Vote on the original school board recommendation. Motion carries.

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

**School Board Recommends $5,537,947.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: John Carlson Motion carries.

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

**School Board Recommends $1,948,129.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: from the floor Motion carries.

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

**School Board Recommends $452,776.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: Angie LeClair Motion carries.

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

**School Board Recommends $2,517,826.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: from the floor Motion carries.

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

**School Board Recommends $1,063,823.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: Angie LeClair Motion carries.

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

**School Board Recommends $1,428,595.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: Angie LeClair Motion carries.

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

**School Board Recommends $2,298,264.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: Cherieann Harrison Motion carries.

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

**School Board Recommends $3,754,412.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: Scott Erb Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

**School Board Recommends $5,710,566.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: Angie LeClair Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

**School Board Recommends $2,300.00**

Motion: Cherieann Harrison Second: Angie LeClair Motion carries.

**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 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 20A, section 15688.

**Recommended amounts set forth below:**

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| **Total Appropriated  (by municipality):** | | | **Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):** | | |
| Town of Chesterville | $ | 2,345,288.27 | Town of Chesterville | $ | 846,532.25 |
| Town of Farmington | $ | 11,587,779.29 | Town of Farmington | $ | 3,824,394.00 |
| Town of Industry | $ | 1,473,255.78 | Town of Industry | $ | 741,221.00 |
| Town of New Sharon | $ | 2,774,304.44 | Town of New Sharon | $ | 839,511.50 |
| Town of New Vineyard | $ | 1,379,643.86 | Town of New Vineyard | $ | 596,125.50 |
| Town of Starks | $ | 740,279.96 | Town of Starks | $ | 388,907.00 |
| Town of Temple | $ | 1,017,717.81 | Town of Temple | $ | 340,825.50 |
| Town of Vienna | $ | 724,360.38 | Town of Vienna | $ | 579,105.50 |
| Town of Weld | $ | 435,022.85 | Town of Weld | $ | 388,259.95 |
| Town of Wilton | $ | 7,574,988.15 | Town of Wilton | $ | 2,258,766.75 |
| **Total Appropriated**  **(sum of above)** | **$** | **30,052,640.79** | **Total Raised**  **(sum of above)** | **$** | **10,803,648.95** |

*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: Irv Faunce Second: Scott Erb Motion carries.

**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 $608,581.00**

*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.*

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: Cherieann Harrison Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 14:** **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend $1,901,284.00**), which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend** **$1,901,284.00**) 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 $1,901,284.00: 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: Irv Faunce Second: Cherieann Harrison Vote: 338:11 Motion passes.

**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, 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 $35,547,403.00**

Motion: Irv Faunce Second: Scott Erb Motion passes.

**ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **$398,254.00** for adult education and raise **$173,874.00** 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: From the floor Second: From the floor Motion carries.

**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: Irv Faunce Second: From the floor Motion is approved

Motion to adjourn Angie LeClair Second: From the floor Meeting Adjourned