

**Mt. Blue Regional School District Annual Budget Meeting**  
**September 5, 2017**  
**Bjorn Auditorium**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**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 Crandall~~, 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: Ross Clair, Tom Donahue, Jen Scott, Siiri Stinson

**ARTICLE 1:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$10,285,169.00**

Motion to approve and Second from the floor.

Motion to amend amount to \$32,749,109.00 and Second from the floor. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to amend amount to \$10,210,661.00 by Bob Millay. Second from the floor.

Motion to conduct secret ballot by Lydie Moceus. Second from the floor. Failed.

Amendment passes by show of hands 209:123.

Article 1 as amended to \$10,210,661.00 carries 233:93

Motion and second from the floor to vote on Article 15. Failed.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$5,184,968.00**

Motion to approve and Second from the floor.

Motion to amend amount to \$4,639,610.00 by Michael Dechaine. Second from the floor.

Motion to conduct secret ballot by Bill Reid. Second from the floor. Passed.

Motion to move the question by Nancy Porter. Second from the floor. Passed.

Amendment passed by secret ballot 193-133.

Motion to amend amount to \$4,648,610.00 withdrawn.

Motion to amend amount to \$4,639,610.00 carries.

Motion to address Articles 3-11 at recommended amount as a block and Second from the floor.

Requires 2/3 majority to pass. Motion fails 150-86.

**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**

- ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$451,029.00**
- ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$2,258,976.00**
- ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$985,503.00**
- 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 \$2,099,934.00**
- ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.  
**School Board Recommends \$3,518,415.00**

Motion by Michael Dechaine to flat fund Articles 3-9 and Second from the floor. This motion is debatable but not amendable and requires 2/3 majority.

Bob Millay then interjected the amounts as follows:

Article 3: \$1,617,903.00

Article 4: \$437,440.00

Article 5: \$2,211,194.00

Article 6: \$952,429.00 (Flat funding amount is actually \$961,429.00)

Article 7: \$1,278,074.00

Article 8: \$1,978,169.00

Article 9: \$3,463,712.00

Motion carried 207-90

Motion to approve Articles 3-9 at flat-funding amount listed above and Second from the floor.

Lydie Moceus moved to conduct secret ballot. Second from the floor.

Motion to move the question and Second from the floor. Carries.

Motion to approve Articles 3-9 as amended carries 195-99.

- 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**

Motion to approve and Second from the floor. Motion carries.

- 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 to approve: Angie LeClair Second: Tami Labul. Motion carries.

**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:**

<b>Total Appropriated (by municipality):</b>		<b>Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):</b>	
Town of Chesterville	\$ 2,290,848.99	Town of Chesterville	\$ 760,305.00
Town of Farmington	\$ 11,829,884.33	Town of Farmington	\$ 3,642,775.50
Town of Industry	\$ 1,554,777.23	Town of Industry	\$ 665,164.50
Town of New Sharon	\$ 2,987,382.73	Town of New Sharon	\$ 803,712.00
Town of New Vineyard	\$ 1,301,309.61	Town of New Vineyard	\$ 567,840.00
Town of Starks	\$ 636,146.85	Town of Starks	\$ 330,876.00
Town of Temple	\$ 962,166.90	Town of Temple	\$ 335,107.50
Town of Vienna	\$ 681,326.80	Town of Vienna	\$ 553,917.00
Town of Weld	\$ 372,597.96	Town of Weld	\$ 336,736.49
Town of Wilton	\$ 7,812,391.72	Town of Wilton	\$ 2,219,080.50
<b>Total Appropriated (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 30,428,833.12</b>	<b>Total Raised (sum of above)</b>	<b>\$ 10,215,514.49</b>

*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 to approve: Angie LeClair Second: Griffin Mayhew. 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 \$690,302.00**

*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 to approve and Second from the floor. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 14:** **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds **(Recommend \$732,973)**, which exceeds

the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **(Recommend \$196,384)** 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 \$1,084,368.53: 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 to approve and Second from the floor.

Motion and Second from the floor to strike the words, "recommended by the School Board" from the Article. Motion carries.

Main motion as amended passes 176-75.

#### **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, 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 \$32,656,920.00**

Motion to approve and Second from the floor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.