

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 38
Maranacook Community Middle School
May 18, 2022
Minutes of Meeting**

Members Present: Chair Cathy Jacobs, Vice Chair David Twitchell, Keltie Beaudoin, Kim Bowie, Tyler Dunn, Patty Gordon, David Guillemette, Rebecca Lambert, Betty Morrell, Jade Parker
Member Absent: Shawn Roderick, Melissa Tobin, Dane Wing
Student Members: Asm'e Jamison, Eric Nelson

Call To Order: Superintendent James Charette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Superintendent Charette entertained a motion to nominate a moderator to preside at the meeting.

Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at the said meeting.
MOTION and Second to nominate Richard A. Spencer to preside at the said meeting.
No other nominations were brought forward.
Richard A. Spencer was appointed to preside at the said meeting.
Moderator Richard A. Spencer was sworn in to preside at the meeting.
Ballot Clerks were sworn in.

Article 2 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction, including Alternative Education, ELLs (English Language Learners) Instruction, and Gifted & Talented Education. School Board Recommends: \$8,395,203.00
MOTION and Second to approve Article 2 as recommended.
This article includes negotiated salaries and benefits for regular education instructional staff, supplies, professional development, contracted services, and copier maintenance costs.
Article 2 Passes.

Article 3 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Special Education. School Board Recommends: \$2,928,387.00
MOTION and Second to approve Article 3 as recommended.
This article includes negotiated salary and benefits for special education administration and instructional staff, special education legal costs, tuition costs for out of district placements. Special Education provides services as required by law.
Article 3 Passes.

Article 4 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education, Coop/Pathways Program and Capital Area Technical Center (CATC) Tuition. School Board Recommends: \$0
MOTION and Second to approve Article 4 as recommended.
The State of Maine has changed funding and expense for CATC, so we no longer need to budget this tuition.
Article 4 Passes.

Article 5 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction (co-curricular, extra-curricular, and regular education summer instruction).
School Board Recommends: \$521,993.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 5 as recommended.

This article includes activities in the middle school and high school such as sports, plays, math team, speech and debate, student senate. The expenses in this article are for coaching salaries, officials' services, supplies, equipment, dues & fees. This article also includes salaries and benefits for summer regular education instructional programs.

Article 5 Passes.

Article 6 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Student Support (guidance, health, technology) and Staff Support (improvement of instruction and staff training, curricular, library, assessment). School Board Recommends: \$2,083,833.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 6 as recommended.

This article includes negotiated salary and benefits for staff and directors in the above mentioned departments, district wide professional development, and other assessment testing and supplies.

Article 6 Passes.

Article 7 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for System Administration (School Board and Superintendent's Office). School Board Recommends: \$728,625.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 7 as recommended.

This article includes negotiated salary and benefits for central office staff, school board stipends, contracted services for legal and audit, legal liability insurance, supplies for school board and central office.

Article 7 Passes.

Article 8 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for School Administration (principals' offices). School Board Recommends: \$1,270,074.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 8 as recommended.

This article includes negotiated salary and benefits for principals and secretaries, principal professional development, accreditation costs, supplies, dues, and fees.

Article 8 Passes.

Article 9 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. School Board Recommends: \$1,155,638.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 9 as recommended.

This article includes negotiated salary and benefits for transportation administration, mechanic and bus drivers, mandated physicals and drug testing, repairs, vehicle insurance, fuel, supplies, and lease purchase payments.

Article 9 Passes.

Article 10 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. School Board Recommends: \$2,866,128.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 10 as recommended.

This article includes negotiated salary and benefits for maintenance administration and custodians, utilities (electricity, oil/propane, telephone), contracted services for snowplowing, heating systems and roof monitoring, building repairs and projects, painting, and supplies. It also includes the facilities repair bond principal and interest payment.

Article 10 Passes.

Article 11 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. School Board Recommends: \$97,104.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 11 as recommended.

This article includes bond payments for the school construction project for the high school addition and renovations.

Article 11 Passes.

Article 12 To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures (Food Services, Reimbursable Transportation). School Board Recommends: \$114,287.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 12 as recommended.

This article includes local dollar support of the food service program and reimbursable transportation provided for RSU #38 towns and recreation programs.

Article 12 Passes.

Moderator Spencer explained an error was found in Article 13, however the total to be raised is unchanged. He requested a Motion and Second on the original Article 13, then he will entertain an Amendment to Article 13 with the correct figures.

Article 13 To see what sum the RSU will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the RSU will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.

School Board Recommends: amounts set forth below

<i>Total appropriated (by municipality)</i>		<i>Total raised (School Unit assessments by municipality)</i>	
<i>Manchester</i>	<i>\$4,065,101.00</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>\$2,381,410.00</i>
<i>Mount Vernon</i>	<i>\$2,977,953.00</i>	<i>Mount Vernon</i>	<i>\$1,744,539.00</i>
<i>Readfield</i>	<i>\$4,060,486.00</i>	<i>Readfield</i>	<i>\$2,378,707.00</i>
<i>Wayne</i>	<i>\$2,081,996.00</i>	<i>Wayne</i>	<i>\$1,219,671.00</i>
<i>School Unit Total Appropriated <u>\$13,185,536.00</u></i>		<i>School Unit Total Raised <u>\$7,724,327.00</u></i>	

MOTION and Second to approve Article 13 as recommended.

State-Mandated Explanation: RSU #38's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 RSU #38 must raise and assess in order to receive the full

amount of state dollars. *In other words, this article gives the minimum amount that each town will pay based on the ED 279 (state subsidy report) and that RSU #38 must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

MOTION and Second to Amend Article 13 as follows:

For Manchester: I move the appropriation DOWN to \$4,060,179 and the amount to be raised DOWN to \$2,376,606.

For Mount Vernon: I move the appropriation DOWN to \$2,788,315 and the amount to be raised UP to \$1,821,742.

For Readfield: I move the appropriation UP to \$4,397,454 and the amount to be raised DOWN to \$2,032,612.

For Wayne: I move the appropriation DOWN to \$1,627,161 and the amount to be raised UP to \$1,493,367.

For the Total amounts: I move the appropriation DOWN to \$12,873,109 and the school unit total raised AS WRITTEN (in other words, no change) at \$7,724,327.”

Amendment for Article 13 Passes.

Article 13 Passes as Amended.

Article 14 To see what sum the RSU will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body 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 RSU’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12.
School Board Recommends: \$97,104.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 14 as recommended.

State-Mandated Explanation: Non-state funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on RSU #38’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 voters. *This long term debt is for the High School addition and renovation project.*

Article 14 Passes.

Article 15 To see what sum the RSU will raise and appropriate in additional local dollars in support of the food service program. School Board Recommends: \$105,000.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 15 as recommended.

This money helps fund the schools’ food service program and equipment replacement.

Article 15 Passes.

WRITTEN BALLOT REQUIRED

Article 16 To see what sum the RSU will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$5,181,228.00), which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend \$5,181,228.00), as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends \$5,181,228.00 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$5,181,228.00.

The \$5,181,228.00 that exceeds the 100% EPS funding level is needed to continue programs and services presently offered by the RSU which are not covered, or not fully covered, by EPS such as: contingency - \$71,000.00, co-curricular program (athletics, theater, math team, debate, etc.) - \$427,530.00, operations and maintenance - \$1,413,413.00, transportation - \$406,899.00, special education - \$493,594.00, system administration - \$572,362.00, regular education instruction - \$1,763,984.00. The funding from the state (\$5,148,782.00) is 40% of the total Essential Programs and Services (EPS) allocation. This allocation covers only a portion of the above noted programs. This article describes the additional funds that RSU #38 needs to raise to achieve the RSU #38 school district budget.

MOTION and Second to approve Article 16 as recommended.

State Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above RSU #38’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 RSU 38 budget for educational programs.

Written Ballot: Article 16 Passes – 23 Yes, 0 No.

Article 17 To see what sum the RSU will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the RSU’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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: \$20,161,272.00

MOTION and Second to approve Article 17 as recommended.

This article authorizes the School Board to spend the recommended budget in Fiscal Year 2023. The School Board cannot spend an amount above the authorized budget.

Article 17 Passes.

Article 18 In the event that the RSU receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all of the additional state subsidy to decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board? School Board Recommends: OUGHT TO PASS

MOTION and Second to approve Article 18 as recommended.

This article authorizes the School Board to use the entire additional State subsidy to reduce local assessments.

Article 18 Passes.

Article 19 Shall the RSU appropriate (Recommend \$272,115.00) for Adult Education and raise (Recommend \$75,000.00) 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? School Board Recommends: OUGHT TO PASS

MOTION and Second to approve Article 19 as recommended.

This article covers academic and vocation as well as enrichment programs offered through the adult education program.

Article 19 Passes.

Article 20 Shall the School Board be authorized to expend other revenue from State, Federal, local and private sources for the support of the schools?
School Board Recommends: OUGHT TO PASS

MOTION and Second to approve Article 20 as recommended.

This article allows the School Board to pursue and use funds that may be received through unexpected grants or donations, and grant applications that are made by members of the Regional School Unit staff or community. We do not include a specific amount due to the unpredictability of the receipt of the funds and because most are dedicated to a specific project or purpose. Examples of some of the funding we received in 2021-2022 are: Title IA \$175,440.00; Title IIA \$40,190.00; Title IV \$18,165.00; Title V-Rural Low Income \$12,945; Local Entitlement \$366,150.00; and other miscellaneous grants \$50,000.00. Also, in 2021-2022, we received federal allocations tied to COVID19: ESSERF \$1,424,470.00. The estimated income for the upcoming year is \$1,378,700.00.

Article 20 Passes.

Adjournment: MOTION and Second to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Charette, Superintendent/Secretary
D. Foster, Recorder