

**RSU 56 ANNUAL BUDGET INFORMATIONAL & VALIDATION MEETING
CANTON-CARTHAGE-DIXFIELD-PERU
MAY 24, 2022 6:30PM
DIRIGO HIGH SCHOOL SCC**

School Board Members Present: Barbara Chow, Larry Whittington, Don Whittemore, Marianne Young, Angela Varnum, Tim Kelly, Natalie Sneller

School Board Members Absent: Angela Cushman, Carl Lueders, Konstantin Aslanidi, Bruce Ross, Peru (Vacancy)

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE OF THE VALIDATION MEETING

Barbara Chow, Board Chair, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30pm

Pam Doyen, Superintendent, presented a slideshow presentation with an overview of the proposed 2022-2023 budget.

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

Terri Cox made a motion to elect David Duguay to moderate by write in vote.

Motion: Terri Cox

Seconded: Tricia Fletcher

Terri Cox submitted a written ballot to vote David Duguay in as moderator. No other nominations were made.

Motion Carried

Pam Doyen swore in David Duguay as Moderator

David Duguay swore in Tricia Fletcher and Julie Couture as Ballot Clerks

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 \$3,911,934.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote - Motion Carried

Article 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **School Board Recommends \$2,881,214.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion - Vote- Motion Carried

Article 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. **School Board Recommends \$66,165.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion - Vote - Motion Carried

Article 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **School Board Recommends \$460,799.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

Article 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **School Board Recommends \$1,337,508.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

Article 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **School Board Recommends \$436,551.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

Article 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **School Board Recommends \$592,008.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote - Motion Carried

Article 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **School Board Recommends \$1,013,109.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

Article 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **School Board Recommends \$1,507,164.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

Article 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **School Board Recommends \$798,688.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion - Vote- Motion Carried

Article 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **School Board Recommends \$210,000.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

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:**

**Total Appropriated
(by municipality):**

**Total Raised (and Regional School Unit
assessments by municipality):**

Town of Canton	\$ 1,652,514.67	Town of Canton	\$ 665,033.34
Town of Carthage	\$ 845,300.40	Town of Carthage	\$ 576,165.00
Town of Dixfield	\$ 5,204,045.90	Town of Dixfield	\$ 1,078,253.34
Town of Peru	\$ 2,877,618.39	Town of Peru	\$ 1,009,975.00
Total Appropriated		Total Raised	
(sum of above)	\$ 10,579,479.36	(sum of above)	\$ 3,329,426.68

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 & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

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 \$9,166.01**

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 & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

Article 14: (Written ballot required) To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$2,282,812.09**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$2,072,812.09**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$2,282,812.09, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,072,812.09. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: This model does not fully cover the costs of regular classroom instruction, special education instruction, extracurricular and co-curricular student activities, district administration and leadership, student transportation, and school technology.

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.

Written Ballot Votes- YES 22; NO 0

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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 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, unexpected balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. **School Board Recommends \$13,215,140.00**

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

Article 16: 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 & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote - Motion Carried

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

Article 17: Shall Region 9 School of Applied Technology approve a budget for adult education in the amount of **\$397,855.15** for the year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program, and shall Regional School Unit No. 56 raise **\$82,529.73** as its share of the adult education budget for Region 9 School of Applied Technology?

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote - Motion Carried

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE SCHOOL BOARD TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN COST CENTERS

Article 18: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO THE TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND

Article 19: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$200,000.00** from available fund balances to the Technology Reserve Fund?

Note: Approval of Article 19 will not increase the RSU's operating budget or increase the amounts to be raised by each RSU town.

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 20 ESTABLISHES A BUS GARAGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND
AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO SUCH FUND**

Article 20: Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a Bus Garage Capital Reserve Fund to pay costs to design, construct, and equip a bus garage; and to transfer up to **\$500,000.00** from available fund balances to the Bus Garage Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Approval of Article 20 will not increase the RSU's operating budget or increase the amounts to be raised by each RSU town.

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY
RECEIVED**

Article 21: In the event that the Regional School Unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use 25% of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board; to use 25% of the additional state subsidy to transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund for maintenance of plant and minor remodeling; and to use 50% of the additional state subsidy to decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote - Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF A BOND OR NOTE TO FINANCE THE
PURCHASE OF A SCHOOL BUS**

Article 22: Shall the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 56 be authorized to issue a bond or note in the name of the RSU for purposes of purchasing one school bus in an amount not to exceed **\$112,000.00** to be paid in not more than three annual installments and appropriate the same?

Motion & Seconded- No Discussion- Vote- Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion & Seconded - Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03pm