

**MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 1 PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 28, 2019 AT 6:00 PM IN BATH MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. (NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the Board. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the June 17, 2019 meeting).**

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**Members Present:** Steve August, Chairperson; Lou Ensel, Vice Chairperson; Anita Brown, Megan Fuller, Bill Perkins, Jennifer Ritch-Smith and Alan Walton; Patrick Manuel, Superintendent of Schools

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**CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairperson August called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. August welcomed the public to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming out to participate in the budget process. Mr. August reviewed the two-step budget validation process and the two questions that will be included on the budget referendum vote on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the proposed budget were available at the meeting for the public.

Chairperson August read the following:

*I'm Steve August, Chairperson of the RSU 1 Board of Directors. As directed, Debra Clark, a resident of RSU1, has warned and notified the inhabitants of Arrowsic, Bath, Phippsburg, and Woolwich who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at this time and place for the purpose of acting on the articles listed in the warrant dated on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the Year 2019.*

*Attested copies of the warrant were posted on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Bath City Hall and the Town Halls of Arrowsic, Phippsburg and Woolwich, all being public and conspicuous places and being at least seven days prior to the budget meeting. Also distributed to municipal offices and various public locations and internet web sites throughout the RSU1 at least seven days prior to this budget meeting was our Annual Budget Report that contains this warrant.*

**Article 1:** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**THE MOTION WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO NOMINATE JOHN MORSE AS MODERATOR. THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS. CHAIRPERSON AUGUST DECLARED NOMINATIONS CLOSED. JOHN MORSE WAS ELECTED BY FIVE WRITTEN BALLOTS. MR. MORSE WAS SWORN IN BY CHAIRPERSON AUGUST.**

**Article 2:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction**.  
Recommend: \$11,758,088

**MOVED:** August                                    **SECONDED:** Fuller                                    **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 3:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Special Education**.  
Recommend: \$5,892,518

**MOVED:** Walton                                    **SECONDED:** Fuller                                    **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

Woolwich resident Abigail Bean moved to amend the motion to include \$75,000 for a behavior interventionist at Woolwich Central School. The motion was seconded but failed to pass with a vote of 26-29.

The original motion for Article 3 was voted on with a show of cards and passed by a show of cards with a 48-16 vote.

**Article 4:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education**. Recommend: \$1,420,281

**MOVED:** Fuller                      **SECONDED:** Perkins                      **MOTION:**

Vice Chairperson Lou Ensel made a motion to amend Article 4 to increase the recommended amount from \$1,420,281 to \$1,539,122 for a total increase of \$118,841. Board member Alan Walton seconded the motion. Mr. Ensel stated that the Education Committee has approved an additional \$1.5 million in CTE funding. This includes an additional \$118,841 for our vocational center. The Appropriations Committee has not yet approved this increase; however, the amended motion reflects the anticipated revenue so that we can spend it this coming year if approved by the Appropriations Committee.

**Amended Article 4:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education**. Recommend: \$1,539,122

**MOVED:** Ensel                      **SECONDED:** Walton                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS AMENDED. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 5:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction**. Recommend: \$709,327

**MOVED:** Perkins                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 6:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Student and Staff Support**. Recommend: \$3,026,647

**MOVED:** Brown                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:**

Woolwich resident Allison Cosgrove moved to amend the motion to include \$50,000 for a social worker at Woolwich Central School. The motion was seconded. After some discussion, Phippsburg resident Mike Young made a motion to move the question and the motion was seconded.

The Moderator asked for a show of cards in support and against adding \$50,000 to the budget for a social worker at Woolwich Central School. The amendment passed with a vote of 28-24.

**Amended Article 6:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Student and Staff Support**. Recommend: \$3,076,647

The motion was moved and seconded and passed by a show of cards with a 43-15 vote.

**Article 7:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **System Administration**. Recommend: \$608,735

**MOVED:** Walton                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARD

**Article 8:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **School Administration**. Recommend: \$1,749,883

**MOVED:** August                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 9:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Transportation**. Recommend: \$1,397,068

**MOVED:** Ritch-Smith                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 10:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance**.  
 Recommend: \$3,361,924

**MOVED:** Perkins                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS  
 WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 11:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service**. Recommend:  
 \$3,438,745

**MOVED:** Ensel                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS  
 WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARD

**Article 12:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for Other-Food Service Transfer.  
 Recommend: \$ 225,000

**MOVED:** August                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS  
 WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 13:** To see what sum the regional school unit 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 regional school unit 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 (Recommend amount set forth below)

State EPS Calculation (from ED279) Total appropriated (by municipality)		Required Local Total raised (district assessments)	
Town of Arrowsic	\$ 440,076	Town of Arrowsic	\$ 3 92,538
City of Bath	\$ 13,355,544	City of Bath	\$ 7,670,178
Town of Phippsburg	\$ 2,675,488	Town of Phippsburg	\$ 2,386,476
Town of Woolwich	\$ 6,603,855	Town of Woolwich	\$ 3,195,804
Total Appropriated	\$ 23,074,963	Total Raised	\$ 13,644,996

**MOVED:** Ensel                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS  
 WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 14:** To see what sum the regional school unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. Recommend: \$984,148

**MOVED:** Brown                      **SECONDED:** Fuller                      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS  
 WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 15:** Shall the regional school unit raise and appropriate \$3,850,687 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$5,388,747.80 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors recommends \$3,850,687 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$5,388,747.80.

The additional local funds represent local costs to support the Regional School Unit school programs that are not included in the State's funding model including costs for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, transportation and special education services.

The Board of Directors recommends a YES vote.

**Amended Article 15:** Shall the regional school unit raise and appropriate \$3,900,687 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$5,438,747.80 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors recommends \$3,900,687 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$5,438,747.80.

**MOVED:** Ensel                                 **SECONDED:** Fuller                                 **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL \$50,000 FROM ARTICLE 6. REGISTERED VOTERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED BY WRITTEN BALLOT. A RECESS WAS CALLED WHILE CLERKS TALLIED THE VOTES. ARTICLE 14 WAS APPROVED: 65 YES, 3 NO, 0 BLANK

**Article 16:** To see what sum the regional school unit will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the school administrative unit'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. Recommend: \$33,588,215

**MOVED:** Ensel                                 **SECONDED:** Fuller                                 **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

**MOVED:** Perkins                                 **SECONDED:** Fuller                                 **MOTION:** TO AMEND THE RECOMMENDED AMOUNT FROM \$33,588,215 TO \$33,757,056. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Amended Article 16:** To see what sum the regional school unit will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the school administrative unit'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. Recommend: \$33,757,056

**MOVED:** Ensel                                 **SECONDED:** Fuller                                 **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS AMENDED. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 17:** To see if the regional school unit will appropriate \$1,100,122 for Adult Education and raise \$70,800 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. Recommend: \$70,800

**MOVED:** Perkins                                 **SECONDED:** Fuller                                 **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 18:** Capital Reserve Funds - Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to raise \$50,000 for the previously established capital reserve fund and be further authorized to expend the funds if necessary? The Board of Directors recommends a YES vote

**MOVED:** Walton                                 **SECONDED:** Fuller                                 **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**Article 20:** In addition to the amount in Article 16, shall the voters authorize the Board of Directors to accept and expend any state, federal and other grants and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, for school purposes provided that such grants, aid and receipts do not require expenditures of local funds not previously appropriated? The Board of Directors recommends a **YES** vote.

**MOVED:** Ritch-Smith  
WRITTEN. PASSED BY SHOW OF CARDS

**SECONDED:** Fuller

**MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS

## **ADJOURN**

The motion was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick M. Manuel, Ed.D.  
Secretary