

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #2  
SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGIONAL BUDGET MEETING**

**DATE:** THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022  
**PLACE:** MONMOUTH ACADEMY  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Jon Hamann, Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham, Directors Chris Myers-Asch, Jeff Bickford, Russ Hughes, Jon Lambert, Linda Leet, Kathryn Marseglia, Mark Pearson and Donna Seppy

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Directors Jay Brown and Dawn Gallagher

**ALSO PRESENT:** Acting Superintendent Matthew Gilbert; Business/HR Manager Stephanie Saltzman; Special Ed Director Deb Murphy; Asst. Special Ed Director Antoine Morin; Principals Melissa Burnham Barter, Ted Finn, Kristie Clark and Sara Derosby; Facilities Director Glen Reynolds; IT Director Mariah Kelley; and approximately 7 voting citizens of the RSU

Ballot Clerks: Kathryn McCoig, Dresden; Natalie Jackson, Farmingdale; Diane Polky, Hallowell; Kimberly Brooks and Yessica Flores, Monmouth; Sharon Woodward, Richmond

**I. Board Chair and Superintendent of Schools**

Acting Superintendent Matthew Gilbert welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance then proceeded to Article 1A.

**II. Moderator**

**ARTICLE 1A**

To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Acting Superintendent Gilbert called for nominations for Moderator. Board Chair Jon Hamann **nominated** Agnieszka Dixon. Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the nomination. Nominations ceased and Agnieszka Dixon was elected. The Oath of Office was administered.

The Moderator outlined the voting procedures for the meeting and announced, after acceptance from the audience, that the Maine Moderator's Manual would serve as a reference for rules and procedures.

The Moderator gave a brief overview of the Budget Articles and asked for a vote on the reading of each article. She called for a motion to dispense with the reading of each article. A **motion** was called, **seconded** and the motion was **approved**.

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 1.

## **ARTICLE 1**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **School Board Recommends \$12,662,529.61.**

Director Donna Seppy **motioned** to approve Article 1. Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion. **Article 1 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 2.

## **ARTICLE 2**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **School Board Recommends \$5,672,927.56.**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve Article 2. Director Donna Seppy **seconded** the motion. **Article 2 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 3.

## **ARTICLE 3**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. **School Board Recommends \$0.00**

Director Donna Seppy **motioned** to approve Article 3. Director Jeff Bickford **seconded** the motion. **Article 3 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 4.

## **ARTICLE 4**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **School Board Recommends \$936,192.73.**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve Article 4. Director Donna Seppy **seconded** the motion. **Article 4 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 5.

## **ARTICLE 5**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **School Board Recommends \$3,062,057.30.**

Director Donna Seppy **motioned** to approve Article 5. Director Chris Myers-Asch **seconded** the motion. **Article was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 6.

## **ARTICLE 6**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **School Board Recommends \$1,001,214.87.**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve Article 6. Director Chris Myers-Asch **seconded** the motion. **Article 6 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 7.

## **ARTICLE 7**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **School Board Recommends \$1,889,501.60.**

Director Donna Seppy **motioned** to approve Article 7. Director Chris Myers-Asch **seconded** the motion. **Article 7 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 8.

## **ARTICLE 8**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **School Board Recommends \$1,802,196.88.**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve Article 8. Vice-Chair Leanne Burnham **seconded** the motion. **Article 8 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 9.

## **ARTICLE 9**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **School Board Recommends \$4,328,221.47.**

Director Jon Lambert **motioned** to approve Article 9. Director Donna Seppy **seconded** the motion. **Article 9 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 10.

## **ARTICLE 10**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **School Board Recommends \$2,758,072.98.**

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve Article 10. Director Jon Lambert **seconded** the motion. **Article 10 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 11.

## **ARTICLE 11**

To see what sum the Regional School District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **School Board Recommends \$140,361.45.**

Director Donna Seppy **motioned** to approve Article 11. Director Chris Myers-Asch **seconded** the motion. **Article 11 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 12.

### **ARTICLE 12**

To see what sum the Regional School District 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 District 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:**

Total Appropriated (by municipality):	Total raised (and Regional School District assessments by municipality):
Town of Dresden: \$1,959,918.77	Town of Dresden: \$1,073,165.00
Town of Farmingdale: \$6,051,634.56	Town of Farmingdale: \$1,711,455.00
City of Hallowell: \$3,374,595.05	City of Hallowell: \$1,879,488.34
Town of Monmouth: \$7,547,977.43	Town of Monmouth: \$3,114,888.34
Town of Richmond: \$5,703,773.43	Town of Richmond: \$2,069,176.66
<b>School Regional School District Total Appropriated (Sum of above): \$24,637,899.24</b>	<b>School Regional School District Total Raised (Sum of above): \$9,848,173.34</b>

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve Article 12. Director Chris Myers-Asch **seconded** the motion. **Article 12 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 13.

### **ARTICLE 13**

To see what sum the Regional School District will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School District 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 District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. **School Board Recommends \$35,511.89.**

Director Donna Seppy **motioned** to approve Article 13. Director Chris Myers-Asch **seconded** the motion. **Article 13 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 14.

### **ARTICLE 14**

**(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$8,557,081.02**), which exceeds the State's

Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$8,487,081.02**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends \$8,557,081.02, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$8,487,081.02. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: These funds are needed to pay costs of maintaining teacher-student ratios, maintaining co- and extra-curricular programs, and transportation.

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve Article 14. Director Linda Leet **seconded** the motion. Upon tallying of the written ballots, **Article 14 was approved. YES = 18; NO = 0**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 15.

### **ARTICLE 15**

To see what sum the Regional School District will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the Regional School District'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 \$34,253,276.45.**

Director Donna Seppy **motioned** to approve Article 15. Director Chris Myers-Asch **seconded** the motion. **Article 15 was approved.**

Moderator Dixon proceeded to Article 16.

### **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?

Director Jeff Bickford **motioned** to approve Article 16. Director Chris Myers-Asch **seconded** the motion. **Article 16 was approved.**

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The Moderator called for adjournment. The adjournment was motioned and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gilbert  
Acting Superintendent of Schools