



# RSU 3

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### Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 3  
PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING  
**6:00 PM, Monday, June 24, 2020**  
Mount View Complex

#### RSU 3 Mission Statement

The mission of RSU 3 is to ensure personal success through personalized learning.

“Success in Learning - Success in Life”

#### RSU 3 Vision Statement

Every RSU 3 learner is prepared to be academically, socially, and emotionally successful in learning and life. RSU 3 is invested in what our learners know, what they are able to do, and what kind of citizens they are becoming.

#### **A. Call to Order 6:05PM**

#### **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

|   |  |                       |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| X Ashleigh Eastham                      | X Richard Frost                            | X Terri Church        |
| X Eleanor Hess                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Tinsman  | X Najean Shedyak      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Cooley    | X Nicole Hubbard                           | X Heidi Paul          |
| X John Wentworth                        | X Jesse Hargrove                           |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Joseph Grassi | <input type="checkbox"/> *Maeve Noble-Lowe | *Student Board Member |

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### C. New Business

#### 1. Chairperson Frost, opens the floor to nominations for moderator.

Ron Price was nominated to be moderator by John Wentworth and seconded by Najean Shedyak. Hearing no other nominations, Chairperson Frost closed the floor and calls for a vote. With it being unanimous and collecting 3 written ballots Chairperson Frost swore in Ron Price as moderator.

Chairperson Frost and Ron Price, moderator went to each room to swear in the town ballot clerks and the deputy moderators, Myla Kreider, Lisa Roux, and Zackary Freeman.

**2. Ron Price asks for a vote with a show of cards to allow Superintendent Brown to speak, as he is not a resident of the district. He also states "By State law, the superintendent is required to explain the budget, therefore, Superintendent Brown will give an overview and explain any part of the budget as it pertains to the warrant articles and related questions."**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: Jesse Hargrove      Vote: Passed

**3. The moderator asks for a vote with a show of cards to allow Assistant Superintendent Pray to speak if needed, as she is not a resident of the district.**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: Jesse Hargrove      Vote: Passed

#### 4. The moderator turned the floor over to Superintendent Brown.

Superintendent Brown welcomed everyone and explains the budget and its development via a PowerPoint presentation. He answered the few questions that were asked as he went through his presentation.

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### 5. Budget articles

#### WARRANT TO CALL REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 3 BUDGET MEETING (20-A M.R.S. § 1485)

**ARTICLE 1A:** To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting. (Please see above)

#### 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 \$6,697,300.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 43, No 0)

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$3,487,000.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 0)

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$7,791.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 0)

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**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$516,500.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,645,300.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$748,600.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,105,000.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 0)

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,660,400.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

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**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.  
**School Board Recommends \$2,246,672.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.  
**School Board Recommends \$2,382,337.00**

Motion: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

**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: Richard Frost Second: John Wentworth Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 1)

### 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 20-A, section 15688.  
**Recommended amounts set forth below:**

**Total Appropriated  
(by municipality):**

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

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|--|-----------|----------------------|--|-----------|---------------------|
| Town of Brooks                                     | \$        | 1,685,285.48         | Town of Brooks                               | \$        | 582,007.00          |
| Town of Freedom                                    | \$        | 1,178,521.31         | Town of Freedom                              | \$        | 476,894.00          |
| Town of Jackson                                    | \$        | 1,050,567.57         | Town of Jackson                              | \$        | 301,433.00          |
| Town of Knox                                       | \$        | 1,594,370.97         | Town of Knox                                 | \$        | 445,264.66          |
| Town of Liberty                                    | \$        | 1,452,948.42         | Town of Liberty                              | \$        | 1,088,076.34        |
| Town of Monroe                                     | \$        | 1,234,080.17         | Town of Monroe                               | \$        | 640,630.34          |
| Town of Montville                                  | \$        | 1,727,375.52         | Town of Montville                            | \$        | 645,674.66          |
| Town of Thorndike                                  | \$        | 1,459,682.83         | Town of Thorndike                            | \$        | 413,362.66          |
| Town of Troy                                       | \$        | 1,862,063.67         | Town of Troy                                 | \$        | 538,789.34          |
| Town of Unity                                      | \$        | 2,666,825.37         | Town of Unity                                | \$        | 1,062,445.66        |
| Town of Waldo                                      | \$        | 924,297.44           | Town of Waldo                                | \$        | 487,119.00          |
| <b>Total Appropriated</b><br><b>(sum of above)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>16,836,018.75</b> | <b>Total Raised</b><br><b>(sum of above)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>6,681,696.66</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: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

**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 \$0.00**

*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: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 43, No 0)

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**ARTICLE 14:** **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$2,154,881.25**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$2,154,881.25**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$2,154,881.25, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,154,881.25. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: (1) the EPS formula does not meet the essential needs of rural school districts with numerous small schools regarding the funding for staff which is based on student count, funding of system administration which is based on student count, funding for building operations which is based on student count, funding of transportation which is based primarily on student density per mile; (2) the EPS allocation for special education underestimates the needs and subsequent cost of providing for students' special needs; (3) the EPS funding underestimates the market and delivery costs for fuel; (4) the EPS funding allocation assumes that districts will cover the major portion of the costs for co-curricular and athletic student activities; (5) the EPS formula does not provide sufficient funds for equitable education of students in rural communities that do not have the enrollment population to receive adequate funding; (6) the EPS formula does not provide sufficient funds to offer innovative educational opportunities for the students in rural communities.

*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: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 1)

### **ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

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**ARTICLE 15:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 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 \$20,496,900.00**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 43, No 0)

### ARTICLE 16 RAISES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate **\$60,000.00** for the school nutrition program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program.  
**School Board Recommends \$60,000.00**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 0)

### ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$153,400.00** for adult education and raise **\$98,300.00** 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.  
**The School Board recommends a "YES" vote.**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 0)

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### ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

**ARTICLE 18:** 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?  
**The School Board recommends a “YES” vote.**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 0)

### ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 be approved in the amount of **\$1,993,675?**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

### ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the career and technical education region approve a budget for adult education in the amount of **\$48,064.00** for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program?

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 43, No 1)

### ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO [AND EXPENDITURE FROM] THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to **\$100,000.00** from unexpended balances at the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year to the **Capital Reserve Fund** for repairs and improvements at the District's schools and buildings?  
**The School Board recommends a "YES" vote.**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 44, No 0)

**ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES A REDUCTION IN LOCAL TAX ASSESSMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN INCREASE IN STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Regional School Unit will reduce the amount raised and assessed 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 Statues, Title 20-A, section 15690 to the extent of any unanticipated increase in the adjusted state contribution under the Essential Programs and Services funding model.  
**School Board Recommends a "YES" vote.**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed (Yes 45, No 0)

**L. Adjournment**

**Time 7:42**

Motion: Richard Frost      Second: John Wentworth      Vote: Passed

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