

MINUTES OF THE RSU 1 FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD December 6, 2012, 8:00am at the Superintendent's building.

Members Present: Chet Garrison, Tim Harkins, Bill Perkins, Patrick Manuel, Paul Gamache and Steve August, Ruth Moore, Deborah Clark

Others Present: Lee Bragg (Maine Municipal Bond Bank Counselor/Advisor), Peter Kahl (Principal MHS), Julie Rice (Vice Chair RSU1, Board of Directors)

Chet opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. He then opened the meeting to Lee Bragg from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank who gave an in-depth and comprehensive explanation/presentation of the benefits, advantages and disadvantages of borrowing money from the Bond Bank or doing stand-alone public sale. In a nut shell although there are pros and cons to both systems in the long run a stand-alone public sale beats borrowing money from the Bond Bank. Transaction costs (which depending on the size of the loan, can be as much as \$50K plus) marketing fees, etc., all get rolled into the interest rates which can be significant.

Peter Kahl and Scott Walker were asked to join in on a discussion of the Schedule B assignments/program. Unfortunately, Scott could not make the meeting because of vehicle problems. Peter provided much in site and information about the non-athletic portion of the program and was able to address most questions regarding the athletic programs. Specific questions/concerns centered on the possibility of restructuring, combining and eliminating programs/positions.

Tim provided an update on the Cost Sharing process.

Chet advised all that this was his last meeting both as a member and Chair and thanked everyone for their time and support.

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

- Discussion regarding asking department heads to give financial projections for the current year
- Discussion with the Auditor
- Elect a Committee Chair