

**MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 1 PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 30, 2017 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 26, 2017 meeting).**

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

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**CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairperson Harkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Harkins welcomed the public to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming out to participate in the budget process. Mr. Harkins reviewed the format of the meeting and summarized the local portion of the warrants.

Chairperson Harkins reported that the district has acquired the Wing Farm Parkway site for the new high school. The Building, Design and Sustainability Committees have been meeting for the past 4-6 months and hope to have a design in place around the middle of June. Information on this project is available online or by calling the Superintendent's office. Mr. Harkins encourage members of the RSU 1 community to participate in this process and get involved.

Chairperson Harkins read the following:

*I'm Timothy Harkins, 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 **8<sup>th</sup> day of May** in the Year **2017**.*

*Attested copies of the warrant were posted on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 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.*

Chairperson Harkins provided an overview of how the numbers come together for the audience.

**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 HARKINS DECLARED NOMINATIONS CLOSED. JOHN MORSE WAS ELECTED BY FOUR WRITTEN BALLOTS. MR. MORSE WAS SWORN IN BY CHAIRPERSON HARKINS.**

Mr. Morse noted that there was a typo in Article 17 and that the recommended amount was \$65,800. Mr. Morse reviewed the protocol when speaking and rules of the meeting.

Morse High School students Dominic Green and Abby Minott were present to be the microphone runners for the evening.

**Article 2:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction: Recommend: \$ 11,154,683

**MOVED:** Harkins                      **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: \$5,292,145

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

**Article 4:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education: Recommend: \$1,298,857

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

**Article 5:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend in Other Instruction: Recommend: \$646,423

**MOVED:** August                      **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: \$ 2,607,174

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

**Article 7:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration: Recommend: \$562,863

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

**Article 8:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration: Recommend: \$1,570,337

**MOVED:** Fuller                      **SECONDED:** Perkins                      **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: \$1,310,770

**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: \$2,905,153

**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: \$1,299,815

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

**Article 12:** To see what sum the regional school unit will be authorized to expend for Other – Food Service Transfer: Recommend: \$240,000

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

**REVENUE ARTICLES:**

**Revenue 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	\$ 483,056	Town of Arrowsic	\$ 448,123
City of Bath	\$ 13,297,488	City of Bath	\$ 7,373,264
Town of Phippsburg	\$ 2,754,695	Town of Phippsburg	\$ 2,555,235
Town of Woolwich	\$ 6,318,597	Town of Woolwich	\$ 3,038,561
Total Appropriated	\$ 22,853,836	Total Raised	\$ 13,415,183

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

**Revenue 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 \$715,231

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

**Revenue Article 15:** Shall the regional school unit raise and appropriate \$3,544,353 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,874,434 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors recommends \$3,544,353 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$2,874,434.

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.

**MOVED:** Harkins      **SECONDED:** Fuller      **MOTION:** TO MOVE THE ARTICLE AS WRITTEN BY A YES VOTE. REGISTERED VOTERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED BY WRITTEN BALLOT. A RECESS WAS CALLED WHILE CLERKS TALLIED THE VOTES. ARTICLE 14 WAS APPROVED: 37 YES, 1 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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 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: \$28,888,220

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

**Article 17:** To see if the regional school unit will appropriate \$281,692 for Adult Education and raise \$65,800 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: \$65,800

**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 \$25,000 for the previously established capital reserve fund and be further authorized to expend the funds if necessary? Recommend: YES**

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

**Article 19: In the event that Regional School Unit 1 receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board? The Board recommends a YES vote.**

**MOVED:** Harkins                      **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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, for school purposes provided that such grants, aid and receipts do not require expenditures of local funds not previously appropriated? The Board recommends a YES vote.**

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

**ADJOURN**

**TO:** Adjourn at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick M. Manuel, Ed.D.  
Secretary