

**MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 1 MEETING HELD May 8, 2017 AT 6:00 PM AT BATH MIDDLE SCHOOL. (NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the Board. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the May 22, 2017 meeting).**

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

**Members Absent:** Noa Sreden and Sarah Gray

**Others Present:** Debra Clark, Judy Harvey, Dean Emmerson, Ellen Beal, Jennifer Vose, Sandra Gorsuch-Plummer, Scott Walker, Pam Moody, Jay Pinkerton, Ross Berkowitz, Justin Keleher, Julie Kenny, Brandon Ward, Jason Libby

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Harkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF FY '18 SCHOOL BUDGET**

Chairperson Harkins opened the meeting and invited members of the public to address the Board with any questions or concerns about the proposed FY '18 school budget.

The proposed budget on the agenda for review and adoption is dated April 24, 2017 which is a reduction of \$113,000 from the previous budget proposal. The share of the local contribution would be 3.88%.

Vice Chairperson August expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support and time spent meeting with the Finance Committee to pull the budget together. Mr. August also thanked Superintendent Manuel and the administrative team for their work in putting together a budget that advances the educational programs in RSU1 while being mindful of the taxpayers in the community.

**MOTION:** August                      **SECONDED:** Perkins                      **VOTE:** Approved (7-0)

**VOTED:** That the warrant for the Regional School Unit Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for May 30, 2017 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget of \$28,979,020 for the Regional School Unit for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

**FURTHER VOTED:** That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 13, 2017 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

**FURTHER VOTED:** That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Secretary of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding

the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 30, 2017, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 13, 2017 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum.

Chairperson Harkins reminded the RSU 1 community that this is the first step of the two part budget validation process. The District Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in the Bath Middle School gymnasium at 6:00 pm. The Superintendent will designate the warrants that each Board member will be responsible for during the meeting. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Central Office before May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Walton

**SECOND:** August

**VOTE:** Board (7-0)

**TO:** Adjourn at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Manuel, Ed.D  
Secretary