

**MSAD #72 Board of Directors
Wednesday - May 24, 2017
FY18 District Budget Meeting Minutes
Molly Ockett School
7:00 PM**

Members Present:

Brain, Judy
Burk, Christopher
Card, Linda*
Cummings, Laura
Dondero, Mitchell
LeBlanc, Sharon*
Mattei, Chris

Shorey, Kathiann
Snow, Norma
Steller, Bob
Struven, Marie
Weston, Laurie
Williams, Jane*

Administrators

Susan Frost
Emily Kirkpatrick
Terri Mahanor
Rhonda Poliquin
Jay Robinson
Richard Wohlenberg

Members not Present:

Jones, Jack (Excused)
Lyman, Kathleen* (Excused)
Ontengco, Julie
Schasel, Dean
Spooner, Ed

Jay Robinson, Superintendent of Schools, opened the meeting at 7:00PM. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then gave an overview of the budget process and the challenges the Board faced in creating a budget that meets the needs of all students while being fiscally responsible to the people of the School District. He shared that Budget Books and Informational Pamphlets had been distributed to each District Town along with the Warrants being posted. He also held three informational meetings throughout the District prior to tonight's meeting to inform the public about the budget and to answer any questions people may have.

The following business was transacted:

Article 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

Bob Steller, Chairman of the Board, nominated David Hastings III to serve as moderator for the meeting. It was seconded by Norma Snow. With no other nominations being made, the nominations were closed and David Hastings III was elected as moderator to preside at the meeting. David Hastings III was sworn in as moderator by Jay Robinson.

The moderator proceeded to swear in the ballot clerks.

Articles 1 Through 11
Authorize Expenditures in Cost Center Categories

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$8,435,353.64

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$8,435,353.64** for Regular Instruction.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Board Recommends \$4,317,384.65

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$4,317,384.65** for Special Education.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Board Recommends \$0.00

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend \$0.00 for Career and Technical Education.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Board Recommends \$89,410.58

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$89,410.58** for Other Instruction.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Board Recommends \$940,324.55

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$940,324.55** for Student and Staff Support.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Board Recommends \$508,603.35

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$508,603.35** for System Administration.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Board Recommends \$529,718.24

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$529,718.24** for School Administration.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Board Recommends \$1,479,194.99

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$1,479,194.99** for Transportation and Buses.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board Recommends \$1,033,807.75

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$1,033,807.75** for Facilities and Maintenance.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Board Recommends \$1,417,712.25

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$1,417,712.25** for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Board Recommends \$100,000.00

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$100,000.00** for All Other Expenditures.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the 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 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 District assessments by municipality):	
Town of Brownfield:	\$ 2,849,651.39	Town of Brownfield:	\$ 1,419,524.33
Town of Denmark:	\$1,629,810.72	Town of Denmark:	\$1,512,957.03
Town of Fryeburg:	\$6,569,590.04	Town of Fryeburg:	\$2,992,690.00
Town of Lovell:	\$1,847,022.90	Town of Lovell:	\$1,765,683.14
Town of Stoneham:	\$362,499.83	Town of Stoneham:	\$340,127.31
Town of Stow:	\$632,936.20	Town of Stow:	\$379,820.17
Town of Sweden:	\$493,402.52	Town of Sweden:	\$458,403.58
Total Appropriated:		Total Raised:	
(Sum of above) \$ 14,384,913.60		(Sum of above) \$8,869,205.56	

Explanation: The 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 is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the District must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$ **14,384,913.60** 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 raise \$ **8,869,205.56** 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.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

ARTICLE 13: (Written ballot required). To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$3,425,982.40**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$3,082,158.22**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends **\$3,425,982.40** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$3,082,158.22**: The District has higher secondary private tuition costs than are recognized by the Essential Programs and Services funding model. The District also has higher special education costs than are recognized by the model and, due to the geographical size of the District, smaller class sizes and higher transportation costs than are recognized by the model.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the District'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 District budget for educational programs.

The vote was by written ballot.

The moderator declared the question in favor of raising and appropriating additional local funds by **\$3,425,982.40** **Passed** with 64 in favor and 8 opposed.

ARTICLE 14 Summarizes the Proposed School Budget

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the District will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the 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 \$18,851,510.00

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board to expend **\$18,851,510.00**

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

**ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 15: 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 purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board 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 purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

**ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the District will appropriate \$20,000.00 for adult education and raise \$20,000.00 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.

It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$20,000 for adult education and raise \$20,000 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 moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

**ARTICLE 17 ESTABLISHES A NEW CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZES
A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THAT FUND**

ARTICLE 17: Shall the School Board be authorized to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund for renovations, improvements, and repairs; to transfer \$174,123.00 from the Capital Improvement Projects reserve fund to the new Capital Reserve Fund, as well as any additional state subsidy received as described in Article 18 below; and to expend up to \$225,000.00 from the new Capital Reserve Fund to finance the costs of a paving project at the New Suncook School?

It was moved and seconded to authorize the School Board to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund for renovations, improvements and repairs to transfer \$174,123.00 from the Capital Improvement Projects reserve fund to the new Capital Reserve Fund, as well as any additional state subsidy received as described in Article 18 below; and to expend up to \$225,000.00 from the new Capital Reserve Fund to finance the costs of a paving project at the New Suncook School

The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF
ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED**

ARTICLE 18: In the event that the District 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 the allocation of finances in the Minor Capital Projects reserve fund approved by the School Board?

It was moved and seconded that in the event that the District receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget the School Board is authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase the allocation of finances in the Minor Capital Projects reserve fund approved by the School Board.
The moderator declared the motion **Passed.**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:01PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Sheehan", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Heather Sheehan
Recording Secretary