

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING FOR 2014-15

May 5, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Leavitt Area High School

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Henry Aliberti at 6:05 P.M. and introduced the Board of Directors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Aliberti. Superintendent Aliberti began reading the preamble.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Bullard and seconded by Diana Morgan to waive the reading of the preamble and move to Article One. Hearing no objections from the floor, Superintendent Aliberti moved to Article One.

Article 1: To elect, by ballot, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

A motion was made by Yuri Kowalski, seconded by Jason Breton to nominate Charles Dingman as Moderator. A motion was made by Elizabeth Bullard, seconded by Robert Allen to cease nominations. Hearing no objections, Superintendent Aliberti closed the nominations. Written ballots were cast and the motion to nominate Charles Dingman as Moderator was approved. Charles Dingman was elected Moderator and sworn in. Jennifer Wallace, Sally Hebert, and Joyce Moulin were sworn in as Clerks. Hearing no objection, the Moderator declared nonresidents to be allowed to speak. Mr. Dingman reviewed the ground rules for the evening.

Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard welcomed everyone and thanked all who worked on the budget. She also shared that it is Teacher Appreciation Week.

Article 2: To see if the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 52 will authorize the Board of School Directors to accept nonresident elementary and/or secondary students on a tuition basis.

A motion was made by Eben Shaw, seconded by Jason Breton to accept nonresident elementary and/or secondary students on a tuition basis. Motion carries.

Article 3: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$9,842,521).**

A motion was made by Dave Wing, seconded by Jason Breton to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 4: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$4,714,736).**

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 5: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$0.00).**

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Wing, seconded by John Maloney to move all articles, with the exception of Article 17. Chairperson Bullard spoke against this. The motion failed.

Article 6: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$487,282).**

A motion was made by Dave Wing, seconded by Jason Breton to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 7: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$2,080,226).**

A motion was made by Eben Shaw, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 8: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Systems Administration. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$527,963).**

A motion was made by Eben Shaw, seconded by Jason Breton to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 9: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$1,555,126).**

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Eben Shaw to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 10: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$1,761,666).**

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 11: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$3,254,854).**

A motion was made by Eben Shaw, seconded by Jason Breton to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 12: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$1,386,000).**

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 13: To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$123,880).**

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Eben Shaw to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 14: Essential Programs & Services Allocation: To see what sum the District 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 District 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 **(The Board of School Directors recommends the amounts set forth below):**

Total appropriated (by municipality)	Total raised (district assessments by municipality)
Greene \$7,674,257.81	Greene \$2,668,232.00
Leeds \$4,124,412.15	Leeds \$1,454,320.00
Turner \$10,471,374.69	Turner \$4,023,901.34
School District Total Appropriated	School District Total Raised
Sum of Above \$22,270,044.65	Sum of Above \$8,146,453.34

Explanation: 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 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.

A motion was made by Dave Wing, seconded by John Maloney to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. A person in the audience asked for an explanation of Article 14 and what the amounts mean. Business Manager Deb Roberts and Moderator Charles Dingman explained. Motion carried.

Article 15: Local Debt Obligation: To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the District 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 District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. **(The Board of School Directors recommends \$373,277).**

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the District 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 voters or other legislative body.

A motion was made by Dave Wing, seconded by Jason Breton to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 16: Food Service Program: To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local dollars in support of the food service program. **(Recommend \$65,000).**

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Eben Shaw to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 17: Local Additional Funds: To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds **(Recommend \$2,017,759)** which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **(Recommend \$1,508,340)** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of School Directors.

The Board of School Directors recommends **\$2,017,759** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,508,340**:

- \$468,368 is needed to cover the State's shortfall in their share of the Essential Programs and Services funding model.
- \$1,039,972 is needed to cover the District's cost not fully funded in the Essential Programs and Services funding model. These items include but are not limited to: advanced placement courses, co- and extra curricular costs, technology coordinators, maintenance and operation costs of our own sewer treatment plant, and inadequate special education funding including the high cost of out-of-district placements.

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 pre-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 MSAD #52 budget for educational programs.

A motion was made by Dave Wing, seconded by John Maloney to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Vote: 23 Yes 2 No. Motion carried.

Article 18: Total Budget: To see what sum the District will authorize the Board of School Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the District'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.

(The Board of School Directors recommends \$25,734,254).

Explanation: This Article does not provide money unless the other articles are approved.

A motion was made by Dave Wing, seconded by Jason Breton to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 19: Shall the Board of School Directors be authorized to appropriate and expend for school purposes, in addition to the amount approved in the above articles as the total District budget, any unanticipated gifts, bequests, devised, grants, or revenues from other sources for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016?

A motion was made by Eben Shaw, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 20: To see what sum the District will appropriate for Adult and Community Education programs **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$389,166)** and to see what sum the District will raise as the local share **(The Board of School Directors Recommends \$154,210)**; with the authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

A motion was made by Eben Shaw, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 21: Shall the School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 52 be authorized to issue bonds, notes or lease purchase agreements in the name of this school administrative district for the purpose of purchasing three school buses in an amount not to exceed \$255,000 for a term not to exceed five years and appropriate the same?

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

Article 22: To see if the District will reduce the additional local appropriation raised pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690(3) for public schooling by the amount of any unanticipated increase in state general purpose aid received, net of any unanticipated state adjustments and any unanticipated cost obligations transferred by the state to local school units, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Jason Breton, seconded by Dave Wing to approve the Board of Directors' recommendation. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Moderator Dingman at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Aliberti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henry Aliberti, Secretary