

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO.73
BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S.A. §1485)**

Present: Tammy Frost, Mark Holt, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Denise Rodzen, Ronnalean Sanborn, Michael Schaedler and Cindy Young.

Absent: Tim Madden, Jackie Knight, Tamara Hoke and Darcie Calden

Call to Order: Kenneth Healey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Superintendent Healey did a brief overview of the budget.

Kenneth Healey then proceeded to open the RSU 73 District Budget Meeting based on the following:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within Regional School Unit No. 73, namely, the Towns of Jay, Livermore, and Livermore Falls, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Spruce Mountain Middle School, 23 Community Drive, Jay Maine at 6:00 p.m. on April 7, 2015 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting articles set forth below.

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

Motion by Thomas Plourde and seconded by Dan Finley to elect Darryl Brown as moderator to preside at the meeting.

Vote cast – Darryl Brown

Written Ballot cast in favor of Darryl Brown as moderator – motion carried.

Kenneth Healey administered the Moderators Oath to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown administered the Oath of Town Clerks to Jean Tardif, Amanda Allen and Lori Shink.

Mr. Brown welcomed all present and reminded those that would be voting that they need to check in with the clerks from their respective towns. He also stated that the meeting this evening would follow the Maine Moderator's Manual. According to the Maine Moderator's Manual individuals that are non-voters may be allowed to speak with the consent of 2/3rds of the voters present. Mr. Brown stated that there would be several district employees that are non-voters that may need to speak tonight. A list of those member's names was presented. In the event of a tie vote a tie vote will be a no vote.

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve this list of staff members that may be asked to speak. Motion carried.

Mr. Brown further stated that the vote on an article would be by a yea or nea or show of hands. If the vote is unclear he would ask the ballot clerks to assist in counting the hands and that they all agree before giving the count. Any amendment can be up or down except Article 15.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Board Recommends \$7,793,064.00

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Denise Rodzen to approve Article 1 as read.

Vote on Article 1 as presented approved.

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Board Recommends \$2,485,860.00

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 2 as read.

Vote on Article 2 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Board Recommends \$0.00

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Denise Rodzen to approve Article 3 as read.

Vote on Article 3 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Board Recommends \$470,380.00

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 4 as read.

Vote on Article 4 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Board Recommends \$1,727,323.00

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Denise Rodzen to approve Article 5 as read.

Vote on Article 5 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

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

School Board Recommends \$512,795.00

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Denise Rodzen to approve Article 6 as read.

Vote on Article 6 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTILCE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Board Recommends \$954,646.00

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 7 as read.

Vote on Article 7 as presented approved

Motion on the amendment carried.

Motion Carried.

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

School Board Recommends \$1,328,993.00discussion

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Denise Rodzen to approve Article 8 as read.

Vote on Article 8 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

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

School Board Recommends \$2,638,775.00

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 9 as read.

Vote on Article 9 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTILCE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Board Recommends \$710,210.00

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Denise Rodzen to approve Article 10 as read.

Vote on Article 10 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

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

School Board Recommends \$27,720.00

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 11 as read.

Vote on Article 11 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 15 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Regional School Unit 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 Regional School Unit 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 Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):
Town of Jay: \$7,235,890.00	Town of Jay: \$7,022,298.00
Town of Livermore: \$2,987,200.00	Town of Livermore: \$1,569,931.00
Town of Livermore Falls: \$5,232,843.00	Town of Livermore Falls: \$1,309,736.00
Regional School Unit 73	Regional School Unit 73
Total Appropriated: \$15,455,933.00	Total Raised: \$9,901,965.00
(Sum of above)	(Sum of above)

Explanation: The Regional School Unit'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 Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 12 on paper.

Vote on Article 12 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters for non-state-funded school construction projects and non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding the public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

School Board Recommends \$235,218.00

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters.

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 13 as read.

Vote on Article 13 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 14 AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER OF THE BALANCE OF THE ADULT ED BUILDING BACK TO THE GENERAL OPERATION ACCOUNT

ARTICLE 14: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer **\$25,900.00** in unspent adult education funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to its general operating fund; to apply those funds as a credit to each of its three member municipalities in proportion to the amount that each municipality raised for Article 20 (the sum needed to keep the Adult Education Learning Center open) in Fiscal Year 2014-2015; and to reduce accordingly the amount assessed to each member municipality for additional local funds for Fiscal Year 2015-2016?

Note: If this Article is approved, the amounts to be assessed to each municipality for the 2015-2016 school operating budget will reflect a credit.

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 14 as read.

Vote on Article 14 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 15: (Written ballot required). To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,901,225.00**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,545,658.00**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board recommends **\$1,901,225.00** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by: **\$1,545,658.00** these funds are necessary to provide for the costs that are not fully funded by the State.

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

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 15 as read. (Written Ballot)

Vote: 32 Yes 4 No

The Motion carried as presented.

ARTICLE 16 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the Regional School Unit'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 \$18,649,766.00

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 16 as read.

Vote on Article 16 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the RSU will authorize the School Board to expend in fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, any unanticipated state school general purpose aid that it may receive for that fiscal year.

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 17 as read.

Vote on Article 17 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 18: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized to expend 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?

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 18 as read.

Vote on Article 18 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 19: To see if Regional School Unit No. 73 will appropriate **\$240,824.00** for adult education and raise **\$120,000.00 (\$40,000.00 for each town)** 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.

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve Article 19 as read.

Vote on Article 19 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

Question 2: Shall the District also raise and appropriate **\$275,000**, which amount exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$275,000**, as required to fund the installation of an elevator and related renovations at Spruce Mountain High School as part of the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget recommended by the school board, and shall the amounts approved in the preceding operating budget expenditure articles, as applicable, additional local funds article, and summary budget article above be increased by this amount?

The School Board recommends \$275,000 in additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$275,000**: To provide accessibility for persons with disabilities in accordance with applicable laws.

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 on-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the district's budget for educational programs.

Motion by Pam Knowlton and seconded by Denise Rodzen to approve question 2 as read.

Vote on question 2 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

Question 3: Shall the District also raise and appropriate **\$108,000**, which amount exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$108,000**, as required to fund the replacement of outdoor stadium bleachers at Griffin Field as part of the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget recommended by the school board, and shall the amounts approved in the preceding operating budget expenditure articles, as applicable, additional local funds article, and summary budget article above be increased by this amount?

The School Board recommends \$108,000 in additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$108,000**: In the judgment of the School Board, the existing bleachers need to be replaced.

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 on-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the district's budget for educational programs.

Motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve question 3 as read.

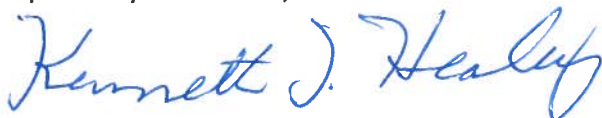
Vote on question 3 as presented approved

Motion Carried.

At 7:08 pm motion by Denise Rodzen and seconded by Shari Ouellette to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth J. Healey
Secretary RSU 73
Superintendent of Schools