

RSU #63 Budget Meeting
Date: June 1, 2022
Location: Holbrook Middle School
Minutes

RSU #63 Chair, Holly Whitmore called the meeting to order at 7:01pm for the purpose of determining the Budget Articles set forth below.

Warrant Articles (Attachment A)

Article 1:

"To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting." School budget for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Motion with a second to nominate John Bunker for the position of Moderator for the RSU #63 Budget Meeting.

John Bunker accepted the nomination. There were no other motions from the floor. **By written ballot, John Bunker was elected Moderator with Mr. Bunker receiving 14 votes with none opposed.**

Holly Whitmore, Board Chair, swore in Mr. Bunker.

John Bunker stated he will follow the Maine Moderators Manual as a guide for the meeting.

Superintendent Susan Smith gave a summary of the proposed FY23 budget.

Article 2:

Motion with a second to approve Article 2 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of **\$5,785,131.21**.

Discussion: Susan Dunham Shane, Eddington resident asked if the increase in line 120 reflected the increase for teacher salaries. Superintendent Smith responded, line 120 reflected the addition of a Grade 5 teacher at Holbrook. She added, salary increases were spread out among multiple lines in the budget.

By a show of hands, Article 2 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$5,785,131.21, with none opposed.

Article 3:

Mr. Bunker read Article 3. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 3 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of **\$1,727,389.36**.

Discussion: Ed Tech health benefits increase were discussed.

By a show of hands, Articles 3 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$1,727,389.36, with none opposed.

Article 4:

Mr. Bunker read Article 4. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 4 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of **\$670,483.84**.

By a show of hands, Articles 4 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$670,483.84, with none opposed.

Article 5:

Mr. Bunker read Article 5. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 5 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of **\$1,527,826.69**.

By a show of hands, Articles 5 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$1,527,826.69, with none opposed.

Article 6:

Mr. Bunker read Article 6. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 6 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$776,956.29.

By a show of hands, Articles 6 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$776,956.29, with none opposed.

Article 7:

Mr. Bunker read Article 7. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 7 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$441,701.50.

Discussion: Susan Dunham Shane questioned line 25. Kelly Theriault, RSU 63 Business Manager responded funds for Superintendent search stipend and community events.

By a show of hands, Articles 7 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$441,701.50, with none opposed.

Article 8:

Mr. Bunker read Article 8. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 8 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$485,714.24.

By a show of hands, Articles 8 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$485,714.24, with none opposed.

Article 9:

Mr. Bunker read Article 9. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 9 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$75,805.93.

By a show of hands, Articles 9 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$75,805.93 with none opposed.

Article 10:

Mr. Bunker read Article 10. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 10 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$100,000.00.

By a show of hands, Articles 10 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$100,000.00, with none opposed.

Article 11:

Mr. Bunker read Article 11. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 11 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amounts of

<u>Total Appropriated</u>		<u>Total Raised</u>	
<i>Clifton</i>	<i>\$1,215,257.39</i>	<i>Clifton</i>	<i>\$576,046.66</i>
<i>Eddington</i>	<i>\$3,198,921.94</i>	<i>Eddington</i>	<i>\$1,278,355.00</i>
<i>Holden</i>	<i>\$4,347,589.89</i>	<i>Holden</i>	<i>\$2,168,695.00</i>

<i>School District Total</i>		<i>School District Total</i>	
<i>Appropriated</i>	<i>\$8,761,769.22</i>	<i>Raised</i>	<i>\$4,023,695.00</i>

By a show of hands, Articles 11 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed, with none opposed.

Article 12:

Mr. Bunker read Article 12. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 12 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$1,625,310.63.

By secret ballot, Article 12 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$1,625,310.63, with none opposed.

Vote: 16 Yes; 0 Opposed

Article 13:

Mr. Bunker read Article 13. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 13 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of \$11,591,009.06.

By a show of hands, Article 13 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$11,591,009.06, with none opposed.

Article 14:

Mr. Bunker read Article 14. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 14 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of **\$3,692.02**.

By a show of hands, Article 14 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$3,692.02, with none opposed.

Article 15:

Mr. Bunker read Article 15. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 15 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of **\$3,682,608.18**.

By a show of hands, Article 15 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$3,682,608.18, with none opposed.

Vote: 16 Yes; 0 Opposed

Article 16:

Mr. Bunker read Article 16. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 16 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written in the amount of **\$318,528.80**.

By a show of hands, Article 16 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed in the amount of \$318,528.80, with none opposed.

Vote: 16 Yes; 0 Opposed

Article 17:

Mr. Bunker read Article 17. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 17 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written.

By a show of hands, Article 17 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written passed with none opposed.

Article 18:

Mr. Bunker read Article 18. Motion was made with a second to approve Article 18 of the RSU #63 Warrant as written.

Discussion: Ben Bredmore, Holden resident and Town Manager asked for clarification on the word "town" written in the warrant. Kelly Theriault, RSU 63 Business Manager noted it was a typo and should say "towns".

Susan Dunham Shane, as a point of order motioned to modify the Warrant to reflect the word "towns". Motion was seconded.

By a show of hands, motion to modify Article 18 of the RSU #63 Warrant passed with none opposed.

By a show of hands, Article 18 as modified of the RSU #63 Warrant passed in the amount of \$125,816.00, with none opposed.

Questions, Comments, and Announcements from the Public: Superintendent Smith introduced Robert Meyer, Holbrook Middle School Principal beginning July 1, 2022. Superintendent Smith thanked the Board, community, and staff for their support over the past 10 years.

Bob Merritt, Clifton resident and Holbrook teacher thanked Superintendent Smith for her dedication to RSU 63. Brenda DeRoche, Eddington resident and Eddington teacher echoed Mr. Merritt and wished Superintendent Smith well in her next endeavor.

Superintendent Smith also recognized Holly Whitmore and Jaime Pangburn for their service on the RSU 63 Board of Directors.

Adjournment: At 9:04 the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jared Fulgoni
RSU #63 Interim Superintendent

Approved: June 27, 2022

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 63
Warrant for Annual Budget Meeting

Required articles)

To Holly Whitmore, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 63 composed of the Towns of Clifton, Eddington, and Holden in the County of Penobscot, State of Maine.

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. 63, namely, the Towns of Clifton, Eddington, and Holden, that a District Budget Meeting will be held at the Holbrook School, 202 Kidder Hill Road, in the Town of Holden, Maine at 7:00 P.M. on June 1, 2022 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles set forth below.

- ARTICLE 1 To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting. *School Budget for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.*
- ARTICLE 2 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for REGULAR INSTRUCTION.
Board of Directors Recommends \$5,785,131.21
- ARTICLE 3 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for SPECIAL EDUCATION.
Board of Directors Recommends \$1,727,389.36
- ARTICLE 4 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for STAFF AND STUDENT SUPPORT.
Board of Directors Recommends \$670,483.84
- ARTICLE 5 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.
Board of Directors Recommends \$1,527,826.69
- ARTICLE 6 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.
Board of Directors Recommends \$776,956.29
- ARTICLE 7 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.
Board of Directors Recommends \$441,701.50
- ARTICLE 8 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.
Board of Directors Recommends \$485,714.24
- ARTICLE 9 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for OTHER INSTRUCTION.
Board of Directors Recommends \$75,805.93
- ARTICLE 10 To see what sum the District will be allowed to expend for ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES.
Board of Directors Recommends \$100,000.00
- ARTICLE 11 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. (Recommend amount set forth below)

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 <i>School District Total</i>		 <i>School District Total</i>	
<i>Appropriated</i>	<i>\$8,761,769.22</i>	<i>Raised</i>	<i>\$4,023,695.00</i>

Explanation: 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 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.

ARTICLE 12

Shall Regional School Unit No. 63 raise and appropriate \$1,625,310.63 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,625,310.63 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Directors? The Board of Directors recommends \$1,625,310.63 for additional local funds and gives the following reason(s) for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,625,310.63. The District's Facilities, Transportation and Special Education costs are higher than allocated by the model and actual secondary tuition costs are higher than funded through the EPS model. Additionally, the District's educational staffing ratios slightly exceed the staffing ratios recommended by the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model and System Administration & Co/Extra Curricular is only partially funded in the current formula.
Board of Directors Recommends a "YES" vote.

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. The District's Facilities, Transportation and Special Education costs are higher than allocated by the model and actual secondary tuition costs are higher than funded through the EPS model. Additionally, the District's educational staffing ratios exceed the staffing ratios recommended by the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model and System Administration & Co/Extra Curricular is only partially funded in the current formula.

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum the District will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 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.
Board of Directors Recommends \$11,591,009.06.

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum the District will appropriate \$3,692.02 for Adult Education and raise \$3,692.02 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.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the regional vocational operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 be approved in the amount of \$3,682,608.18?
(Not subject to amendment from the floor. May either be accepted or rejected by the voters. Requires count of votes.)

Note: The District's (local) contribution to the total cost of funding the vocational operating budget for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 is \$0.00

ARTICLE 16

Shall the vocational region approve a budget for Adult education for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$318,528.80?
(Not subject to amendment from the floor. May either be accepted or rejected by the voters. Requires count of votes.)

Note: The District's contribution to the total cost of funding the vocational region adult education for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 is \$3,692.02.

(Additional articles)

ARTICLE 17

In addition to the amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the District be authorized to expend federal funds and 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 funds not previously appropriated?
Board of Directors Recommends a "YES" vote.

ARTICLE 18

To see what sum the town will appropriate from school general operating funds for the 2022-2023 year to add to the already established facilities reserve account.
Board of Directors Recommends \$125,816.00
(Note: This amount is included in the previously approved facilities article. It is not in addition to that amount.)

Given under our hands this 16th day of May, 2022.

Holly Whitmore

Linda Graban

Tracy Bigney

Matthew Campbell

Cherie Faulkner

Robin James

Jaime Pangburn

Tracy Roberts

Regional School Unit No. 63

A true copy of the warrant, Attest

Holly Whitmore