

South Paris, Maine  
June 8, 2017

The District Budget Meeting for FY 2016-17 was held on June 8, 2017, 7 p.m., in the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum.

Superintendent Colpitts called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He gave an overview of the budget, answered questions from the public and read the Warrant Preamble. He then asked for nominations for moderator (Article 1A). It was moved and seconded to nominate John Jenness as Moderator. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor. Superintendent Colpitts administered the oath of office to the Moderator as follows:

Do you affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, so long as you shall continue a citizen thereof.

Do you affirm that you will faithfully discharge to the best of your abilities, the duties incumbent on you as Moderator of this meeting according to the Constitution and laws of the State.

The Moderator then appointed the following tellers and administered the oath of office:

Kristen MacDonald...Harrison  
Joan Clough.....Hebron  
Elizabeth Becker...Waterford  
Sharon Matthews....Otisfield  
Elizabeth Olsen.....Oxford

Elizabeth Knox...Paris  
Shirley Boyce...Norway  
Donna DiConzo...West Paris  
Debra Hertell.....MSAD 17

Oath to Tellers:

Do you affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, so long as you shall continue a citizen thereof?

Do you affirm that you will faithfully discharge to the best of your abilities, the duties incumbent on you as a Teller of this meeting according to the Constitution and laws of the State?

**ARTICLE 1:** The Moderator read Article 1. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the District to expend \$15,489,150 for regular Instruction. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 2:** The Moderator read Article 2. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the District to expend \$6,205,958 for Special Education. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 3:** The Moderator read Article 3. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the District to expend \$2,940,403 for Career and Technical Education. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 4:** The Moderator read Article 4. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the District to expend \$738,091 for Other Instruction. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 5:** The Moderator read Article 5. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the District to expend \$2,891,428 for Student and Staff Support. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 6:** The Moderator read Article 6. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the District to expend \$806,180 for System Administration. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 7:** The Moderator read Article 7. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$2,350,547 for School Administration. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 8:** The Moderator read Article 8. A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,498,828 for Transportation and Buses. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 9:** The Moderator read Article 9. A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$4,189,336 for Facilities Maintenance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 10:** The Moderator read Article 10. A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,353,975 for Debt Service and Other Commitments. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 11:** The Moderator read Article 11. A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$0 for All Other Expenditures. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 12:** The Moderator read Article 12. A motion was made and seconded to 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:

Town of Harrison	\$3,032,481.12	Town of Harrison	\$3,032,481.12
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Town of Hebron	\$2,199,821.43	Town of Hebron	\$698,708.83
Town of Norway	\$7,893,904.68	Town of Norway	\$3,549,363.50
Town of Otisfield	\$2,788,864.53	Town of Otisfield	\$2,276,295.83
Town of Oxford	\$7,072,153.20	Town of Oxford	\$3,551,712.33
Town of Paris	\$8,202,970.51	Town of Paris	\$2,787,512.50
Town of Waterford	\$1,843,486.73	Town of Waterford	\$1,833,903.98
Town of West Paris	\$3,327,002.68	Town of West Paris	\$799,017.83
School District Total		School District Total	
Appropriated		Raised	
(Sum of above)	\$36,360,684.88	(Sum of above)	\$18,528,995.92

The motion passed by 69 votes in favor and 2 votes opposed.

**ARTICLE 13:** The Moderator read Article 13. A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,858,909.12 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,104,429.89 in additional local 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.

The motion passed by written ballot, 79 votes in favor and 6 votes opposed.

**ARTICLE 14:** The Moderator read Article 14. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$122,473 for the annual payments on the District's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved by the legislative body for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.

The motion passed by 71 votes in favor and 0 votes opposed.

**ARTICLE 15:** The moderator read Article 15. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Directors to expend \$39,463,896 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.

The vote passed by 70 votes in favor and 1 vote opposed.

**ARTICLE 16:** The moderator read Article 16. A motion was made and seconded that in addition to the amounts approved in the preceding articles, the Board of Directors be authorized to expend federal stabilization funds and such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 17:** The moderator read Article 17. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$498,004 for Adult Education and raise \$224,397 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well being of adult education. The motion was passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 18:** The moderator read article 18. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Maine Vocational Region #11 operating budget beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$3,548,340.14. The motion was passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 19:** The moderator read article 19. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$75,000 from Facilities and Maintenance Cost Center to the “School Capital Reserve Fund” and to expand said funds only upon express authorization of the District voters. The motion was passed by a majority vote in favor.

**ARTICLE 20:** The moderator read Article 20. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Board, in the event that the District receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditure for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board. The motion passed by a majority vote in favor.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Colpitts  
Superintendent of Schools