

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56**

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Minutes

District Budget Meeting

June 29, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.

High/Middle School Cafetorium – Searsport, ME

Superintendent of Schools Mary Szwec called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

1. A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Bob Danks to nominate Norris Staples as the moderator of the meeting. Three votes were cast for Mr. Staples. On a vote of 3-0 Norris Staples was elected as the moderator. Superintendent of Schools Mary Szwec then swore in Mr. Staples.

The moderator appointed the ballot clerks: Tammy Crossman of Frankfort, Christina Hassapelis, Town Clerk of Stockton Springs, and Madeleine Littlefield of Searsport. Moderator Norris Staples swore in the ballot clerks.

2. Moderator Norris Staples read Article II: Additional Local Funds. Shall Maine School Administrative District No. 56 raise and appropriate **\$1,806,809.78** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,537,682.56 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of School Directors?

The Board of School Directors recommends \$1,806,809.78 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,537,682.56: these additional local funds are needed to maintain class sizes smaller than what are recognized by the Essential Programs and Services funding model, to provide special education services not recognized by the Essential Programs and Services funding model, and to provide transportation services not covered by the Essential Programs and Services funding model.

The superintendent gave a detailed analysis of the \$1,537,682.56. A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Laurence Reynolds to appropriate \$1,806,809.78 in additional local funds. Discussion followed. Mr. Greenier was warned by the superintendent that he was crossing the legal line for a lawsuit due to comments made about a teacher, but he continued to talk and was allowed to do so by the moderator.

John Moran moved the question, and it was seconded by Mike Hamilton. Voting on the article took place.

**Yes: 43 votes      No: 34 votes**  
**The Article passed as presented.**

3. A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Cathy Danks to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,