

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 56**

Frankfort • Searsport • Stockton Springs

Minutes

District Budget Validation Meeting

May 27, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Searsport District High School/Middle School Cafetorium

PRESENT: 112 registered voters, 5 others

Superintendent Mary Szwec called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**ARTICLE 1A:** To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting. The Superintendent opened nominations for the election of a moderator. A motion was made by Joy Baker and seconded by Percy King to nominate Norris Staples as moderator. A motion was made by Ray Hart and seconded by Twyler Webster to close nominations. **Motion carried by a show of hands.** A vote was then taken on the original motion. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

The Superintendent then swore in Norris Staples as moderator of the meeting.

Mr. Staples explained the new procedure. There were several articles to be voted on and a limited amount of time. Decisive votes are needed on each article.

Each participant has two sheets of paper: a pink sheet indicating you are a registered voter and one written ballot for Article XIV. If we need more than one written ballot, we will go to a different color. If the vote is obvious, he will call the vote. If it is not obvious, he will call for a count, and may ask voters to stand.

Mr. Staples will read each article and the recommendation from the Board of Directors. If a motion is made to accept as read, we will go with what is read. If not, you need to make the change in your motion. Mr. Staples may also ask for names of those making and seconding the motions.

Mr. Staples then read each article individually, followed by a vote.

**ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST  
CENTER CATEGORIES**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$3,408,321**

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Gabriel Baker to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$1,556,476**

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Charlene Farris to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$292,976**

A motion was made by Veronica Magnan and seconded by Percy King to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$125,708**

A motion was made by Diane Gilmore and seconded by Joy Baker to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$1,099,893**

A motion was made by Lisa Suthers and seconded by Veronica Magnan to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$370,661**

A motion was made by Gabriel Baker and seconded by Lisa Suthers to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$522,690**

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Erin Ireland to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$677,274**

A motion was made by Joy Baker and seconded by Lisa Suthers to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$1,758,649**

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Veronica Magnan to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$658,847**

A motion was made by Joy Baker and seconded by Charlene Farris to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$424,109**

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Lisa Suthers to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE  
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the District 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 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:**

Total Appropriated (by municipality):	Total raised (and District assessments by municipality):
Town of Frankfort: \$1,731,395.86	Town of Frankfort: \$433,282.50
Town of Searsport: \$3,721,891.45	Town of Searsport: \$1,555,297.50
Town of Stockton Springs: \$2,167,293.06	Town of Stockton Springs: \$1,112,845.00
<b>School District Total Appropriated (Sum of above)      \$7,620,580.37</b>	<b>School District Total Raised: (Sum of above)      \$3,101,425.00</b>

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Gabriel Baker to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 13:** 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, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital 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 kindergarten to grade 12.

**Board of Directors Recommends \$124,357.00**

A motion was made by Gabriel Baker and seconded by Priscilla King to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**ARTICLE 14:** (Written ballot required). To see what sum the District will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommended \$2,143,166.63**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,981,550.87**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors recommends \$2,143,166.63 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,981,550.87: 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.

A motion was made by Gabriel Baker and seconded by Percy King to accept the article as read. There was no discussion. This article had to be voted on by secret ballot. The moderator explained the process. Voting commenced. **VOTE: 89-22-1 Motion Carried**

#### **ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see what sum the District will authorize the Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 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 \$10,895,604**

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Diane Gilmore to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

#### **ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to expend 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 other funds not previously appropriated?

A motion was made by Joy Baker and seconded by Diane Gilmore to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

#### **ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if Maine School Administrative District No. 56 will appropriate \$88,153 for adult education and raise \$58,433 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.

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Warren Graham to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

#### **ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE REGIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 be approved in the amount of \$1,887,114?

A motion was made by Gabriel Baker and seconded by Veronica Magna to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

#### **ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE**

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the regional career and technical education budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for adult education for the year 2008-2009 be approved in the amount of \$36,485?

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Lisa Suthers to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

## ARTICLE 20 SCHOOL NUTRITION BUDGET

**ARTICLE 20:** To see what sum Maine School Administrative District No. 56 will appropriate for School Nutrition with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program.

**Board of Directors recommends: \$556,709**

A motion was made by Percy King and seconded by Warren Graham to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

## ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE FROM THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Board of Directors be authorized to expend up to \$265,907 from the District's capital reserve fund previously established by District voters for unexpected capital expenditures that may arise during the 2008-2009 fiscal year?

A motion was made by Gabriel Baker and seconded by Cindy Griffin to accept the article as read. **Motion carried by a show of hands.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.