

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18**  
**DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 17, 2018**

Those Present: Directors, Tom Burton, Dawn Castner, Charley Clark, Karen Hatch Gagne, James Isgro, Mary-Anne LaMarre, Cathy McElway, Rebecca Seel and Rick Stubbert. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Carl Gartley, Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Gary N. Smith, Kristi Farrell, Keith Morin, Susan Perrino, Bob Nutting, Irene Belanger, Lois Bowden, Melissa Robie, Denice Hatch, Dan Bowers, Wayne Bengston, Janice Porter, Gwen Bacon, Jeff Sheive, Alisa Meggison-Keimel, Tammy Pullen, Erica St. Peter, Sam Dunbar, Paula Callan, Pam Prescott, Chuck Matthews, Tyler Backus, Darlene Pietz, Sharon Jolicouer, Mark Hatch, Scott Colby, Linda Bengston, Wendy Nutting, Dillon Clark, Heather Wilson, Tim Roddy, Nanette Kroemer, Brynn Charest, Sylvia Jadczyk, Hodi-nam Hoang, Helen Davis and Cheryl Mercier.

James Isgro, Chair of the Board of Directors of Regional School Unit No. 18, called the District Budget Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the J. Duke Albanese Performing Arts Center at Messalonskee High School in Oakland. Chair Isgro welcomed everyone and noted that all are here to discuss a budget that the School Board has approved. He noted that the School Board members will answer questions as best they can and will find answers if they are not readily available this evening. Whatever the final budget figure is, it is hoped that the citizens will support that figure when voting takes place on June 12. He thanked everyone for participating and attending this evening.

Superintendent Gartley welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. RSU 18 is an educational institution, and this meeting is a big step in our budget process, with voting on June 12 being the final process.

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

It was moved by LAMARRE and seconded by SEEL that Robert W. Nutting be nominated to serve as moderator to preside at the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

James Isgro, Chair of the Regional School Unit No. 18 Board of Directors, administered the moderator's oath for Mr. Nutting and filed the Moderator's Record Oath and Certificate.

Mr. Nutting welcomed everyone to the RSU 18 budget meeting.

Robert W. Nutting administered the Oath of Municipal Clerk to the individuals listed below.

Patricia Bragg, Town of Sidney	Becky Hapgood, Town of China
Jennifer Chamberlain, Town of China	Cheryl Mitchell, Town of Belgrade
Cheryl Cook, Town of Belgrade	Kathleen Paradis, Town of Oakland
Abby DiPietro, Town of Rome	Janice E. Porter, Town of Oakland
Leatrice Grevois, Town of Oakland	Winnie Robbins Kinsella, Town of Sidney

Mr. Nutting reviewed the rules. This meeting will use the Maine Moderator’s manual, and he will follow those rules. The job of moderator is to keep the meeting flowing, making sure everyone has

an opportunity to speak. He asked that those who wish to speak raise their hands, stand, state their name and state the community in which they reside. Mr. Nutting will read the Articles one at a time, a motion will be made and seconded, or amended, then there will be time for questions/comments. The duty of the moderator is not to answer questions. He will repeat the questions, and someone from the Board or administration will answer those questions. Then there will be a vote on the Articles. Mr. Nutting will call upon the voters to hold up their cards during the vote. If obvious, he will declare a vote; if not obvious, ballot clerks will count votes.

The first 11 Articles allow the School Board to expend funds, followed by three Articles which allow the Board to raise funds, an Article authorizing the expenditure of grants and other receipts, and an Article authorizing the Adult Education Program.

Budget Articles are as listed below.

● Article 1: Regular Instruction	\$16,526,479.47
● Article 2: Special Education	\$5,005,368.23
● Article 3: Career and Technical Education	\$6,000.00
● Article 4: Other Instruction	\$750,365.02
● Article 5: Student and Staff Support	\$4,287,837.83
● Article 8: Transportation and Buses	\$2,267,488.31
● Article 9: Facilities Maintenance	\$4,986,196.71
● Article 10: Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$849,875.38
● Article 11: All Other Expenditures	\$125,000.00

Moderator Robert W. Nutting began the process of review of the warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend **\$16,526,479.47** for Regular Instruction?

The Regular Instruction Article includes costs directly related to the interaction between teachers and students in a learning environment for the purposes of the delivery of instruction.

**Vote:** It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by BURTON to approve Article 1 as presented in the amount of \$16,526,479.47 for Regular Instruction.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend **\$5,005,368.23** for Special Education?

The Special Education Article includes costs directly related to the interaction between teachers and students in a learning environment for the purposes of the delivery of instruction.

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**Vote:** It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by BURTON to approve Article 2 as presented in the amount of \$5,005,368.23 for Special Education.

Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend **\$6,000.00** for Career and Technical Education?

The Career and Technical Education Article includes costs directly related to the interaction between teachers and students in a learning environment for the purposes of the delivery of instruction.

**Vote:** It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by LAMARRE to approve Article 3 as presented in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Career and Technical Education.

Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend **\$750,365.02** for Other Instruction?

The Other Instruction Article includes costs directly related to the interaction between teachers and students in a learning environment for the purposes of the delivery of instruction (e.g., Summer School, co-curricular activities, athletics).

**Vote:** It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by BURTON to approve Article 4 as presented in the amount of \$750,365.02 for Other Instruction.

Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend **\$4,287,837.83** for Student and Staff Support?

The Student and Staff Support Article includes costs to facilitate and enhance instruction. This sum funds student support services such as guidance, health, instructional technology services; and staff support services such as improvement of instruction, improvement of staff training, library services, and student assessment.

**Vote:** It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by BURTON to approve Article 5 as presented in the amount of \$4,287,837.83 for Student and Staff Support.

Motion carried.

After a brief recess, during which the moderator discussed options with RSU administrators and some board members, Moderator Nutting proposed that no action be taken at this meeting on Articles 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, and 15 and that voting continue on Articles 8 through 11 and 16 at this meeting, with action on the other articles to occur at a future special, supplemental budget meeting.

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ARTICLE 8: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend **\$2,267,488.31** for Transportation and Buses?

The Transportation Article includes costs for conveying students to and from school.

**Vote**: It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by LAMARRE to approve Article 8 as presented in the amount of \$2,267,488.31 for transportation and buses.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend **\$4,986,196.71** for Facilities Maintenance?

The Facilities Maintenance Article includes costs for keeping the physical plant open, comfortable, and safe for use. It also includes keeping the grounds, buildings, and equipment in working condition. This sum funds maintenance and custodial expenditures, capital enhancement and improvement, and capital renewal and renovation.

**Vote**: It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by BURTON to approve Article 9 as presented in the amount of \$4,986,196.71 for Facilities Maintenance.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend \$849,875.38 for Debt Service and Other Commitments?

The Other Commitments Article includes debt service, the costs for keeping the principal and interest payments on long-term debt of the school administrative unit in payment of new school construction and would include costs for subsidizing food services.

**Vote**: It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by BURTON to approve Article 10 as presented in the amount of \$849,875.38 for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Regional School Unit be authorized to expend **\$125,000.00** for All Other Expenditures?

**Vote**: It was moved by ISGRO and seconded by LAMARRE to approve Article 11 as presented in the amount of \$125,000.00 for all Other Commitments.

Motion carried.

This completes voting on expenditure Articles.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Regional School Unit appropriate **\$68,120.24** for adult education and raise **\$21,704.97** 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?

**Vote**: It was moved by LAMARRE and seconded by SEEL to approve Article 16 as presented to appropriate **\$68,120.24** for adult education and raise **\$21,704.97** 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 carried.

Moderator Robert W. Nutting thanked the ballot clerks, Board, and Superintendent for their efforts in regard to the District Budget Meeting.

Since there were no other warrant Articles upon which to act, it was moved by ISGRO and seconded by BURTON that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Gartley  
Superintendent of Schools