

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 19  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 11, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Samantha Brown, Corinna Caron, Christopher Easton, Evelyn Hickey, Fred Hickey, Susie Hopkins, William MacDonald, Robin McNeil, Don Mendell, Winn Price, Kenneth Sands, Jason Scholten, Jennifer Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Carter, Shawn Coots, Jody Mullis, Christopher Pepin, Erik Stitham, Chad Stratton

**TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT:** 708

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**Others Present:** Mike Hammer, Staff, and Community Members

**I. Opening of Meeting**

A. Flag Salute was rendered.

**II. Public Comment**

Kelly Burns, Literacy Coach at EDS and the District Literacy Coach, spoke on the importance of moving forward and having the Coach position remain at the Newport/Plymouth School.

**III. New Business**

A. The Board will go into Executive Session to discuss a student disciplinary matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (B)

A **motion** was made by Ken Sands to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 pm for a student Disciplinary Hearing pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 § (6) (B), **seconded** by Evelyn Hickey and **voted** unanimously. The Board returned to open session at 7:45 pm.

A **motion** was made by Ken Sands to accept the administrative recommendations for the student to return to school, **seconded** by Fred Hickey and **voted** unanimously.

B. Certify Results of Referendum Vote of September 27, 2016

A **motion** was made by Fred Hickey that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated October 11, 2016 and attached hereto be approved; that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit 19; and that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit, **seconded** by Evelyn Hickey and **voted** unanimously.

C. Consideration of Superintendent/Finance Committee Recommendations to Proposed Budget for 2016 – 2017

A **motion** was made by Fred Hickey to approve the proposed budget for 2016 – 2017 and **seconded** by Corinna Caron.

A **motion** was made by Bill MacDonald to amend the motion to add \$78,000 for Literacy Coach back into the budget, **seconded** by Ken Sands and **voted** 126 for and 582 opposed (Samantha Brown, Corinna Caron, Christopher Easton, Evelyn Hickey, Fred Hickey, Robin McNeil, Don Mendell, Winn Price, Jason Scholten, Jennifer Watson). Motion failed.

The original motion to approve the budget was **voted** 672 for and 36 opposed (Susie Hopkins). Motion passed.

D. Approval of Third Attempt for Regional Budget Meeting and Validation Referendum Dates and Signing of Warrants

A **motion** was made by Ken Sands that the Vote entitled, “Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted,” be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting, **seconded** by Corinna Caron and **voted** unanimously.

VOTE TO CALL AND APPROVE THE WARRANTS FOR THE BUDGET  
MEETING  
AND THE VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED

VOTED: That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 19 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be called for October 19, 2016 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2016-2017 fiscal year;

That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be called for November 8, 2016 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2016-2017 fiscal year; and

That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit be authorized and directed to complete said Notice in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on October 19, 2016, and to cause copies of said Notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the November 8, 2016 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum.

E. Board Members were informed that some towns were asking for reimbursement of costs associated with the RSU 19 referendums.

A **motion** was made by Susie Hopkins to not reimburse the RSU 19 towns for the costs of RSU 19 referendums, **seconded** by Ken Sands and **voted** 656 for and 52 opposed (Corinna Caron). Motion passed.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hammer".

Mike Hammer  
Secretary to the Board