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DATE: May 27, 2025

PLACE: Bjorn Auditorium

TIME: 7:00pm

LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/unvoa3ijkfnyp9oufole>

- I. **Call to Order** - Secretary of the Board Elkington
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Secretary of the Board Elkington
- III. **Election of Moderator** - Secretary of the Board Elkington
- IV. **Welcome from RSU 9 Board Chair** - Dee Robinson
- V. **Appointment and Swearing in of Ballot Clerks** - Moderator
- VI. **Request of Motion from the Board Chair** - Moderator
 - *Request a motion from the Board Chair to allow the Superintendent of Schools, Christian Elkington, who is not a resident of RSU 9, to speak and respond to questions on the proposed budget at this meeting.*
- VII. **Budget Consideration** - Moderator

Articles 1 through 11 - Authorize Expenditures in Cost Center Categories

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. *School Board Recommends \$12,979,901*

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Special Education. *School Board Recommends \$8,101,782*

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. *School Board Recommends \$4,271,404*

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. *School Board Recommends \$3,702,120*

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. *School Board Recommends \$680,899*

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for System Administration. *School Board Recommends \$1,526,092*

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for School Administration. *School Board Recommends \$1,987,612*

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. *School Board Recommends \$3,158,545*

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. *School Board Recommends \$5,116,855*

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the RSU will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. *School Board Recommends \$3,873,186*

ARTICLE 11: This will not be voted on at this Budget Hearing, as there are no additional expenditures needed this year.

Articles 12 through 14 - Raise Funds for the Proposed School Budget

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the RSU 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 RSU 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 20A, section 15688. *The School Board Recommends the amounts set forth in the table below:*

Municipality	Total Appropriated (By Municipality)	Total Raised by Municipality (District Required Assessment)
Chesterville	\$3,335,602.28	\$845,358.33
Farmington	\$12,818,362.69	\$3,848,998.33
Industry	\$1,431,697.13	\$784,460.00
New Sharon	\$2,919,056.30	\$790,560.00
New Vineyard	\$1,660,889.34	\$636,026.67
Starks	\$923,360.77	\$431,778.33
Temple	\$814,709.29	\$344,548.33
Vienna	\$1,272,358.26	\$570,350.00
Weld	\$468,016.66	\$449,256.02
Wilton	\$8,914,890.56	\$2,090,266.67
Total	\$34,558,943.28	\$10,791,602.68

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the RSU will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the RSU voters for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the RSU's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. *The School Board Recommends \$194,779.*

ARTICLE 14: *(Written ballot required)* To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds *(The School Board Recommends \$4,081,899)*, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$4,081,899 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$4,081,899, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$4,081,899. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: EPS does not fully support all of the necessary costs of a comprehensive K-12 educational program, such as (1) athletics/co-curricular program costs; (2) transportation for rural school systems and athletics/co-curricular programs; (3) special education costs, (4) system administration costs, (5) costs of maintaining class size smaller than are recognized by the Essential Programs and Services funding model, and (6) student supports, such as counseling.

Article 15 - Summarizes the Proposed School Budget

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the Regional School Unit'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, local funds for 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. *The School Board Recommends \$45,398,396*

Article 16 - Authorizes the Adult Education Program and Raises the Local Share

ARTICLE 16: To see if the RSU will appropriate \$590,378 for Adult Education and raise \$212,875 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.

Article 17 - Authorizes Expenditures of Grants and Other Receipts

ARTICLE 17: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board 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 and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Article 18 - Authorizes Transfers Among Cost Centers

ARTICLE 18: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

Article 19 - Authorizes the Disposition of any Additional State Subsidy Received

ARTICLE 19: In the event that the RSU receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the 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 15671A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?

Article 20 - Authorizes A Transfer To And Expenditure From The Capital Reserve Fund

Article 20: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$450,000 from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend said funds as needed at the discretion of the School Board?

Article 21 - Authorizes A Transfer To And Expenditure From the Special Education Reserve Fund

Article 21: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$200,000 from available fund balances to the Special Education Reserve Fund and to expend said funds as needed at the discretion of the School Board?

Article 22 - Authorizes A Transfer To And Expenditure From The Technology Reserve Fund

Article 22: Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$300,000 from available fund balances to the Instruction Technology Reserve Fund and to expend said funds needed at the discretion of the School Board?

VIII. Adjourn

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

June 12, 2025 - 6:30 pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - *School Nutrition, McKinney Vento*

June 24, 2025 - 6:30 pm - The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

- Board Reports - *Athletics*

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Operations - June 3, 2025 - 5:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Personnel & Finance - June 3, 2025 - 6:00pm - The Holman House, District Office

Educational Policy - June 3, 2025 - 7:00pm - The Holman House, District Office