

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING
ROUND 2
Thursday, July 23, 2026 - 7pm
Forest Hills Consolidated School
MINUTES

Attendance:

<u>P</u>	Karla Talpey, Chairman	<u>P</u>	Bailey Brown, Vice-Chair	<u>P</u>	Zachariah Achey
<u>P</u>	Linda Griffin	<u>P</u>	Kristy Griffin	<u>A</u>	Nicolle Harmon
<u>P</u>	Jasmine Bradford				

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Karla Talpey at 7:00pm

Voters Present: **47** voting members present

Pledge of Allegiance

ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

1. Nominee: William Jarvis by Anthony Amero, 2nd by Clay Hoyt

Motion For Moderator Elections to Cease By: Michelle Hewke, 2nd by Jean Turner, Vote: PASSED

Motion To Elect William Jarvis as Moderator: By: Dave Carrier, 2nd by Clay Hoyt, Vote: PASSED

Three Community Cast Votes to Approve - Passed

PAUSE TO SWEAR IN MODERATOR & CLERKS

Motion made by Dave Carrier 2nd by Anthony Amero to allow non district resident KELLY MACFAYDEN to speak on behalf of the school district regarding budget matters. Motion PASSED

Motion made by Boyd Fortier 2nd by Clay Hoyt to allow non district resident TERESA LOVEJOY to speak on behalf of the school district regarding budget matters.

Motion PASSED

ARTICLE II: To see if the District will authorize the Board of Directors to accept students on a tuition basis.

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

Cost Center Summary Budget Format

ARTICLE III: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Board Recommends \$ 1,230,516.00

Public Comment: What grades are combined in elementary: Response - PreK/K and 2/3.

Public Comment: What does a beginner teacher salary start at? Response - \$45,899.

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE IV: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Board Recommends \$ 491,159.00

Motion By: Boyd Fortier 2nd Dave Carrier Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE V: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Athletics & Co-Curriculum.

School Board Recommends \$ 139,389.00

Motion By: Boyd Fortier 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE VI: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support.

School Board Recommends \$ 250,410.00

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Boyd Fortier Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE VII: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Board Recommends \$ 162,465.00

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE VIII: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Board Recommends \$ 231,157.00

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE IX: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Board Recommends \$ 135,800.00

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE X: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board Recommends \$ 353,606.00

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE XI: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service.

School Board Recommends \$ 27,200

Motion By: Evan Worster 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE XII: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Board Recommends \$ 175,000

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690
(Article XIII, XIV and XV must be taken by recorded vote)

RSU 82/M.S.A.D. #12's Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690(1 A-B)):

ARTICLE XIII: To see what sum the District will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-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 Pre-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:

Statutory Recommendation:

Total appropriated

Jackman \$1,163,934.46
Moose River \$ 460,764.67

Total raised (district assessment by municipality)

Jackman \$ 745,140.00
Moose River \$ 285,731.09

RSU 82/M.S.A.D. #12 Total Appropriated \$1,624,699.13
\$1,030,871.09

RSU 82/M.S.A.D. #12 Total Raised

School Board Recommends \$ 1,030.871.09

Explanation: The RSU 82/MSAD 12's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the district must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Dave Carrier

Vote: 38 6 3
 Yes No Ab.

Appropriation of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690 (3-A-B)):

ARTICLE XIV: Shall the District raise and appropriate \$906,002.87 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services model by \$906,002.87 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Directors?

School Board Recommends: \$906,002.87 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$906,002.87. These funds include the cost of funding education needs that are not provided for in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act or are above the amount allocated by the funding formula and include but are not limited to teacher and staff costs; extra-curricular activities; facilities maintenance; property and liability insurances.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the district budget for educational programs.

Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Dave Carrier

Vote: 39 5 3
Yes No Ab.

Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A Section 15690 (4A)):

ARTICLE XV: To see what sum the District will authorize the school board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-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.

School Board Recommends \$ 3,196,702.00

Explanation: A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 in the school administrative unit. The amount recommended must be the gross budget of the school system. This article does not provide money unless the other articles are approved.

Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Clay Hoyt

Vote: 40 4 3
Yes No Ab.

END OF RECORDED VOTE

ARTICLE XVI: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the school board be authorized to expend funds 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?

School Board Recommends: Approval

Motion By: Boyd Fortier _ 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE XVII: In the event that RSU 82/MSAD 12 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 the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, Section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board?

School Board Recommends: Approval

Public Comment: Can this be translated into clearer language? Response: Superintendent gave an example in clearer language.

Motion By: Anthony Amero _ 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE XVIII: To see what sum the District will appropriate from the ending balance of the general operating funds from the 2025-2026 fiscal year and contribute those funds to the established Capital Reserve Fund.

School Board Recommends: \$50,000.00

Motion By: Anthony Amero _ 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE XIX: To see what sum the District will authorize the school board to expend in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the Capital Reserve already established for the purpose to include building renovations, repairs, replacements, resurfacing of portions of the driveway, field work and grounds?

School Board Recommends: \$50,000.00

Motion By: Boyd Fortier _ 2nd Anthony Amero Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE XX: Shall the District authorize the School Board to transfer the District's unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the prior fiscal year's budget, as determined by audit, to the District's established non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A; and shall the District delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the District's general fund for use in school operating budgets approved by District voters?

School Board Recommends: Approval

Public Comment: Are all the audits in yet? Response: We have received 22/23; waiting on the remainder.

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

Adjournment: Time: 7:51 pm

Motion By: Anthony Amero 2nd Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED