

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING
Wednesday, May 20, 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>P</u> Nicolle Harmon
<u>P</u> Jasmine Bradford	_____	

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Karla Talpey at 7:01pm

Voters Present: 87 voting members present

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

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

Motion By: Dave Carrier, 2nd by Dena Giroux, Vote: PASSED

PAUSE TO SWEAR IN MODERATOR & CLERKS

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

Motion made by Anthony Amero 2nd by Dave Carrier 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 Evan Worster Vote: PASSED

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A SECTION 1485 / COST CENTER SUMMER BUDGET FORMAT

ARTICLE III: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. School Board Recommends \$ 1,238,121.00

Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Evan Worster Vote: PASSED

Motion To Reconsider By: Donna Frigon, 2nd by Anthony Amero Vote: PASSED

Motion To Amend By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Evan Worster Vote: PASSED

Motion To Approve Amendment By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Evan Worster Vote: PASSED

ARTICLE IV: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. School Board Recommends \$ 528,431.00

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

Discussion;What.was.last.year's.special.reimbursement.rate?..Why.did.the.out.of.district.placement.decrease.for.8283SY.-.student.no.longer.enrolled.in.district;....

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: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

Discussion;Could.personal.[parent-guardian].vehicles.be.taken.for.Golf.™.Cross.Country.meets.vs.buses?..There.is.concern.about.liability?possible.burden.on.same.parents-guardians.having.to.drive.all.the.time;..Should.be.exploring.why.district.has.to.use.private.transportation.for.scrimmages;..A.small.bus-large.van.may.be.another.option.to.transport.smaller.sport.groups;..Superintendent.to.look.into;

ARTICLE VI: To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support. School Board Recommends \$ 265,171.00
Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

Discussion;

How many days is the guidance position? 7~~6~~6 days;

Was the budget approved before the recommendation to hire was made?..Budgeted enough to cover potential applicants;

Was the budget updated based on what the applicant was offered?.No. - applicant has not completed [insurance] paperwork yet;

Statement made; Based on the salary line for guidance and requirement for masters degree community member felt the amount was in line;

Could a motion be made to reduce the dollar amount to only what would be needed to cover salary and insurance; No, only a motion to amend the cost center could be made;

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 by Evan Worster 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 by Michelle Hewke-Oliver Vote: PASSED

Discussion;

How many days is the principals contract for?..87~~0~~days

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 by Clay Hoyt Vote: PASSED

Community member inquired about how fuel surcharges are considered in the budget;.. Superintendent..shared that budget is dependent upon best case scenario but agreed that funds are provided should the surcharge apply

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 by Evan Worster Vote: PASSED

Community member inquired if the heating system was in this line;..Superintendent indicated no;

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: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Michelle Hewke-Oliver

Vote: PASSED

Community.member.asked.how.large.is.the.debt?.Superintendent.replied.due.to.internet.outage.did.not.have.access.to.most.up.to.date.balance;

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 by Clay Hoyt

Vote: PASSED

Community.member.inquired.about.what.the.food.service.secretary.was.for;. Superintendent.explained.it.was.for.the.office.secretary.portion.that.was.put.in.another.budget.line.in.previous.years;

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 XIV: Shall the District raise and appropriate \$965,640.87 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services model by \$965,640.87 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Directors?

School Board Recommends: \$965,640.87 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$965,640.87. 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.78.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 Clay Hoyt

Vote: 50 31 6
 Yes No Ab.

Discussion;

Community.member.questioned.why.we.need.to.raise.taxes.by.an.amount.if.the.state.didn't.recommend;.Superintendent.explained.the.essential.programs.and.services; Community.member.asked.for.clarification.of.P1520k.-.is.that.part.of.total.amount.or.separate_Superintendent.said.it.was.part.of.it;

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 \$ 3,256,340.00

Explanation; A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 78 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 Evan Worster

Vote: 50 30 7
 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: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Clay Hoyt

Vote: PASSED

Discussion;

Community member asked for an example of what that might look like and what those funds might be because of the language of »expend« . Superintendent explained that we wouldn't need to spend from the articles that were approved; Community member is concerned that a grant would go to pet projects and not offset the burden to the taxpayer; Superintendent shared that if the grant was over \$666 then the board would have to vote on expenditure;

Question about unspent monies moving to the next year; Superintendent said she wouldn't know until end of year; Moderator stopped questioning as it doesn't align with the article;.

Question about allowing for grants in one year that would cost more in additional years; Request for amendment about grants for future. Moderator stated the language didn't align with the article;

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

Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Dave Carrier Vote: PASSED

Discussion;

Community.member.asked.about.obtaining additional subsidy for.home.schooled. students;.Superintendent.stated.that.a.survey.is.being created.to.inquire.with.home.school. families;

Community.member.asked.about.how.much additional revenue.it.would.add.per. homeschool student;.Superintendent explained.that.it.would.depend.on.level.of. enrollment._parttime.vs.full.time;

ARTICLE XVIII: To see what sum the District will appropriate from the Capital Reserve Fund for Capital projects during the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The current balance of the Capital Reserve Fund is \$57,000. School Board Recommends: \$50,000.00

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

Discussion

Community.member.asking.if.the.money.is.coming.out.or.going.in;.Discussion. between appropriate and expending in.the.next.article

Reconsideration Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Dave Carrier Vote: PASSED

Reconsider.language.of.Article.XVIII.to.read;To see what sum the District will appropriate to from the Capital Reserve Fund for Capital projects during the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The current balance of the Capital Reserve Fund is \$57,000. School Board Recommends: \$50,000.00

Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by 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: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Clay Hoyt

Vote: PASSED

Discussion;

Superintendent realized typo in Article XVIII stating P106k going into capital reserve (to-from); Motion made to reconsider language in article; See Article XVIII;

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

Motion By: Anthony Amero, 2nd by Clay Hoyt

Vote: PASSED

Adjournment: Time: 8:44 pm

Motion By: Dave Carrier 2nd Charlie Carrier Vote: PASSED