

**WARRANT TO CALL
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 10 BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. § 1485)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026
MOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
APPROVED MINUTES**

School Board Members Present: Chad Culleton, Veronica “Bonnie”Knox, Allison Long, Peter DeFilipp, Dan Hodge, Erin Hinkley, Doug Stone, Kristen Chapman, Ed Bulger, Darcy Klein, Jennifer LeDuc, Jonathan Ferreira

School Board Members Absent: Vacant-Hanover Rep.

Town Clerks/Representatives Present: Hartford, Mexico, Hanover, Roxbury, Rumford, Sumner, Buckfield

Total Number of Registered Voters in Attendance: 88

Ballot Clerks: Diane Campbell-Sumner, Sandra Ackley- Mexico, Allysa Phillips-Buckfield, Lianne Bedard-Hartford

Staff & Community Present: Deb Alden, Margaret Therriault, Matthew Gilbert, Leah Kaulback, Terry Hayes, Bruce Farrin, RSU 10 Staff, Community Members

Called to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance at: 6:36p.m.

TO: Leah Kaulback, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 10 (the “Regional School Unit”) composed of the Towns of Buckfield, Hanover, Hartford, Mexico, Roxbury, Rumford, and Sumner, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit, namely, the Towns of Buckfield, Hanover, Hartford, Mexico, Roxbury, Rumford, and Sumner, that a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at Mountain Valley High School Muskie Auditorium, 799 Hancock Street, Rumford, Maine at 6:30 P.M. on May 27, 2026 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting Articles set forth below.

ARTICLE 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.
J.Wiley nominated Terry Hayes as Moderator
Second: Community Member
Cease Nominations
Motion: A. Long
Second: V. Knox
Unanimous
Vote for Moderator- Terry Hayes: Passed (3-0 Written Ballots cast)
Superintendent Alden- Administered the Oath to T. Hayes

Terry Hayes- Administered the Oath to Ballot Clerks- Diane Campbell-Sumner, Sandra Ackley-Mexico, Allysa Phillips-Buckfield, Jaylene Gonyea-Hartford

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11
AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Board Recommends \$13,051,257.80

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Stone

Passed

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Board Recommends \$9,866,365.73

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: J. LeDuc

Passed

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Board Recommends \$270,839.81

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton

Passed

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Board Recommends \$1,060,349.64

Motion: J. Wiley Second: Community Member

Made a motion to decrease the amount to \$888,349.64.

Vote: Failed

Motion: C. Brennick Second: Community Member

Made a motion for the original amount of \$1,060,349.64

Passed

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Board Recommends \$3,084,947.02

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Stone

Passed

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Board Recommends \$1,016,314.62

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: J. LeDuc

Passed

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Board Recommends \$1,842,589.01

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton

Passed

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Board Recommends \$3,130,446.67

K. Chapman made a motion to AMEND “contingent on the State approving a \$280,000 funding commitment.”

Seconded: Community Member

Failed

Vote on Original Motion:

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton

Passed

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Board Recommends \$4,255,499.45

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: A. Long

Passed

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Board Recommends \$7,467,136.57

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton

Passed

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Board Recommends \$0.00

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton

Passed

ARTICLES 12 AND 13

RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Regional School Unit 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 Regional School Unit 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.

Recommended amounts set forth below:

Total Appropriated (by municipality):

Town of Buckfield	\$	3,865,219.97
Town of Hanover	\$	601,687.76
Town of Hartford	\$	2,445,569.59
Town of Mexico	\$	6,388,426.69
Town of Roxbury	\$	402,049.42
Town of Rumford	\$	12,288,848.57
Town of Sumner	\$	1,735,744.41

Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):

Town of Buckfield	\$	1,160,423.84
Town of Hanover	\$	368,336.25
Town of Hartford	\$	1,045,265.84
Town of Mexico	\$	826,051.66
Town of Roxbury	\$	402,049.42
Town of Rumford	\$	3,865,790.09
Town of Sumner	\$	638,073.16

Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 27,727,546.41	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 8,305,990.26
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Explanation: The Regional School 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 is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: A. Long
Pass

ARTICLE 13: **(Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$7,532,467.01**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$7,532,467.01**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$7,532,467.01, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$7,532,467.01.
The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: This amount is needed to cover costs of RSU schools that the state's funding model does not recognize including the following: 1) costs of maintaining student-teacher ratios, 2) costs of special education programming, 3) costs of extra-curricular and co-curricular programs, and 4) transportation costs.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School 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 Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.

Motion: A. Long Second: P. DeFilipp
Passed (69/17)

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the Regional School 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, 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.

School Board Recommends \$45,045,746.32

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton
Passed

**ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$41,001.15** for adult education and raise **\$20,079.39** 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: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton
Passed

**ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 16: 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?

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton
Passed

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS

ARTICLE 17: 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton
Passed

**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES THE
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

ARTICLE 18: Shall Vocational Region 11 (Oxford Hills Technical School) approve a budget for vocational education in the amount of **\$5,234,129.00** for the year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its vocational education program?

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: D. Stone
Passed

**ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES THE OXFORD HILLS TECHNICAL SCHOOL
ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 19: Shall Vocational Region 11 (Oxford Hills Technical School) approve a budget for adult education in the amount of **\$355,678.00** for the year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program, and shall Regional School Unit 10 raise **\$1,495.30** as its share of the adult education budget for Vocational Region 11 (Oxford Hills Technical School)?

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton
Passed

ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR REGION 9 SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 20: Shall Region 9 School of Applied Technology approve a budget for adult education in the amount of **\$417,221.00** for the year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program, and shall Regional School Unit No. 10 raise **\$175,622.00** as its share of the adult education budget for Region 9 School of Applied Technology?

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton
Passed

ARTICLE 21 AUTHORIZES BONDS TO PURCHASE TWO NEW SCHOOL BUSES

ARTICLE 21: Shall the School Board be authorized to issue bonds or notes in the name of the RSU for the purpose of purchasing two new school buses in an amount not to exceed **\$280,000** for a term not to exceed approximately three years and appropriate the same for said purpose?

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton
Passed

ARTICLE 22 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 22: Shall the School Board be authorized to expend from the existing Capital Reserve Fund as needed in the discretion of the School Board?

Motion: K. Chapman Second: E. Hinkley

Made a motion to amend language to add “following a public forum”, after the language “Shall the School Board be authorized to expend”...

Failed

Motion: P. DeFilipp Second: C. Culleton

Made a motion for the original language in the article.

Passed

Motion; Community Member Second Community Member

Adjournment: 8:08p.m.

