

Maranacook Area School District

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RSU #38 Budget Update #11
Re: May 13, 2015 Annual Meeting

“Providing support for students in order to promote academic success”

The RSU #38 Annual Budget Meeting was held on May 13, 2015 at Maranacook Community High School. Board Chair, David Greenham, opened the meeting by reviewing the budget development process. Also included in his presentation was a description of the major additions to the FY 16 budget including the commitment to providing Pre-K for all students in the district, increased Guidance services to support our students, 1 high school and 1 elementary math interventionist who will offer increased math opportunities for students who struggle with mathematics, increased support for students who are behaviorally challenged, and increased technology support that is needed as we provide experiences in technology for our students.

Following Chair Greenham’s report, I shared brief histories of state required mill rates, required local dollars for education, past expenditure budgets, state subsidy, and enrollment ([RSU #38 Annual Meeting PowerPoint](#)). Mill rates and local dollars are set by the state based on the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) formula and the difference between General Purpose Aid and the dollar amount needed to provide EPS.

Richard A. Spencer was nominated and sworn in as moderator. Articles 2-12, the expenditure articles were read, recommended, voted and approved by the citizens attending the meeting. Then the revenue articles, 13-16, were read, recommended, voted on, and approved. Similarly, articles 17-21 were approved. The FY16 RSU #38 expenditure budget was approved for the amount of \$15,968,310.

I would like to thank all of the citizens who participated in the budget process, attending meetings, shared concerns and ideas at budget meetings, via email, during phone calls, and through personal interactions. All of these communications were taken into serious consideration as the Board proceeded through the budget process. Throughout the budget deliberations the Board continued to focus on their goal, “providing support for students in order to promote academic success” and made decisions based on that goal.

The referendum vote on the budget will be held at the town voting places on June 9, 2015. You may also request an absentee ballot from your town office. Again, thanks to the citizens who participated in the FY 16 budget process.

Sincerely,

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