

TOWN OF RAYMOND  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Monday, May 5, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Ralph Bartholomew; Dennis Cole; Jean Carter; Bob Gosselin; Susan Accardi; Charles Leavitt; Marshall Bullock; and Jerilyn Ward.

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE ABSENT: None

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Teresa Sadak, Chairman; and Lisa Friedlander

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STAFF ATTENDANCE: Sandra Caldwell , Superintendent; Pat Menzel, Special Education Director; RES Principal Norma Richard; and JSMS Principal Randy Crockett.

SELECTMEN: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Joe Bruno; Mike Reynolds; Lonnie Taylor; and Dana Desjardins.

OTHERS: Susan Gendron, State Commissioner of Education; and several others.

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

2. Approval of the Minutes of April 14, 2008.

Changes none.

MOTION: Dennis Cole motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Carried.

3. Discussion of EPS in Raymond.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Gendron discussed her handouts relative to Essential Programs and Services and Maine's funding formula. She gave a detailed explanation of the EPS and the funding formula.

TIME REFERENCE: 8:42 pm.

4. Consideration of the School Department Budget by draft warrant articles.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Olsen noted that Article 36 & 37 are new to this draft concerning high school tuitioning of students. He had concern about the way that they are written. He felt that especially Article 37 be " at a rate no more than that in the Windham contact and maintaining state laws regarding religious schools." Mrs. Sadak agreed that it should note "any school", should we not consolidate with Windham. Mrs. Friedlander said that the School Board didn't vote on the specific article wording, but the policy leading to these articles. Mr. Leavitt felt that the standing wording is correct. Mr. Olsen continued that since Article 37 & 38 have financial impact on the budget, the Budget Committee should make a recommendation. Superintendent Caldwell said that the cost centers have been changed in the draft warrant for the \$126,000 most recently reduced from the budget. However, the exact ways that the reductions are to be made have not been decided. Mrs. Sadak said that the School Board directed the

administration to reduce the budget, but they have left it to the administration to make the specific reductions.

RECESS: Mr. Olsen recessed the meeting at 9:10 pm.

REOPEN MEETING: Mr. Olsen reopened the meeting at 9:15 pm.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will approve students attending Windham High School at Public Expense.

EXPLANATION: After July 1, 2008 the Raymond School Department will pay the full tuition for students attending Windham High School at public expense in accordance with the terms of the contract between the Raymond School Department and the Windham School Department.

DISCUSSION: It was felt that “existing” should be added to the explanation just before “contract between the Raymond School Department and the Windham School Department”.

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to approve Article 36. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bullock wanted to deal with “Windham” being in the article. Our current Windham contract is up in 2013. Mr. Bullock would like it tightened up. Mr. Bullock suggested “at the 2003 Windham contract cost.” Mrs. Caldwell said that the change would need legal approval.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: Robert Gosselin withdrew his motion. Mr. Leavitt withdrew second.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to reword Article 36 as “To see if the Town will approve students attending Windham High School at Public Expense in accordance with the terms of the contract between the Raymond School Department and the Windham School Department”. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.  
VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will permit Students to Attend Other Public and Private Secondary Schools at Public Expense.

Mr. Leavitt had concern that the Budget Committee was writing these articles. He felt the legal author of these articles should be upheld.

DISCUSSION: “To see if the Town will permit Students to attend other Public and Private Secondary Schools at public expense at a rate not to exceed the current Windham contracted rate.” It was decided that this should be rewritten and come back for a vote.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to table. Seconded by Dennis Cole.

VOTE: Carried.

EXPLANATION: After July 1, 2008, the Raymond School Department will limit the amount of tuition which it pays for secondary students who are permitted to attend public or private secondary schools other than Windham High School at public expense to the amount that the Raymond School Department pays for tuition at Windham High School, and any additional tuition charges for attendance at public or private secondary schools other than Windham High School shall be the responsibility of the students’ parents or guardians

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

TIME REFERENCE: 9:36 pm.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Requests \$ 4,417,292  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Jerilyn Ward motioned to reduce Article 38 by \$90,000 for a total of \$4,327,292. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Carried

**ARTICLE 39:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Requests \$ 1,609,309  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Marshall Bullock motioned to reduce Article 39 by \$85,934 for a total of \$1,523,375. Seconded by Jean Carter.

VOTE: Defeated

MOTION: Ralph Bartholomew motioned to recommend Article 39 as presented. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 40:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Requests \$ 65,598  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to recommend Article 40. Seconded by Jerilyn Ward.

VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 41:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Requests \$ 541,979  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Jerilyn Ward motioned to reduce Article 41 by \$20,000 for a total of \$521,979. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 42:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Requests \$ 296,646  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Jerilyn Ward motioned to reduce Article 42 by \$10,000 for a total of \$286,646. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 43:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Requests \$ 287,698  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Susan Accardi motioned to recommend Article 43. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 44:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Requests \$ 536,058  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Jerilyn Ward motioned to reduce Article 44 by \$50,000 for a total of \$486,058. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 45:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Requests \$ 640,311  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Susan Accardi motioned to recommend Article 45. Seconded by Jerilyn Ward.

VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 46:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Requests \$ 618,149  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to recommend Article 46. Seconded by Marshall Bullock

VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 47:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Requests \$ 38,000  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to recommend Article 47. Seconded by Susan Accardi.  
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690

*Actions taken pursuant to items 1 – 4 must be taken by a recorded vote (secret ballot).*

**1. School Administrative Unit Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690(1 A-B)):**

*1-A. For a municipal school unit:*

**ARTICLE 48:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond 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 (Recommend \$ 7,362,028) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the 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 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee requests \$ 6,233,635  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Susan Accardi motioned to recommend Article 48. Seconded by Marshall Bullock  
VOTE: Carried.

*“Explanation: The school administrative 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 is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.”*

**2. Appropriation for Non-state-funded Debt Service Allocation (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (2A)):**

**ARTICLE 49:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

School Committee requests \$15,629

The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Marshall Bullock motioned to recommend Article 49. Seconded by Jerilyn Ward.  
VOTE: Carried.

*“Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality/district long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.”*

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

**ARTICLE 50:** Shall the Town of Raymond raise and appropriate \$1,664,011 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,484,734 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board

School Committee requests \$1,664,011  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Marshall Bullock motioned to reduce Article 50 by \$170,000 for a total in additional local funds of \$1,494,011 with the EPS amount of \$1,314,734. Seconded by Robert Gosselin.  
VOTE: Carried.

*“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 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 municipality budget for educational programs.”*

*STATEMENT OF REASONS: The amount of \$1,484,734 which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model of \$7,525,678 for grades K-12 is explained by the actual anticipated cost in tuition for Grades 9-12, Special Education, Operation and Maintenance, System Administration, Transportation, Extra-Curricular, Lunch Transfer, Contingency.*

**4. Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A))**

**ARTICLE 51:** To see what sum the Town of Raymond will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 from the Town’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, 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 Committee Requests \$ 9,051,040  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to reduce Article 51 by \$170,000 for a total of \$8,881,040.  
Seconded by Robert Gosselin.  
VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 52:** To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee, for the fiscal year 2008-2009 to transfer funds between budget programs so long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the School Committee.

The School Committee requests approval of this Article.  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to recommend Article 52. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.  
VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 53:** To see if the municipality will reduce the additional local appropriation raised pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A§15690(3) for public schooling by the amount of any unanticipated state general purpose aid received for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

The School Committee requests approval of this Article.  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Susan Accardi motioned to recommend Article 53. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.  
VOTE: Carried.

**ARTICLE 54:** Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and any other funds which become available.

Category	Estimated Amount
LOCAL ENTITLEMENT	\$166,351
IDEA (Part B) Local Entitlement	\$ 1,197
R.E.A.P.	\$ 38,045
N.C.L.B.	
TITLE 11A	\$ 18,458
TITLE 11D	\$ 543
TITLE 1	\$ 36,515
TITLE IVA	\$ 2,068
TITLE V	\$ 879

The School Committee requests approval of this Article.  
The Budget Committee  
The Selectmen

MOTION: Robert Gosselin motioned to recommend Article 54. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.  
VOTE: Carried.

NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

ADJOURNMENT: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 10:59 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk