


REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 40
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2013
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Dennis Wooster, Ann Donaldson, Lynda Letteney

Ex-Officio Member Present: Danny Jackson

Administration Present: Mike Cormier, Karla Miller, Susan Taylor

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Wooster.
 - a. Declaration of Quorum: Yes, Quorum 3/5
 - b. Note absentees: Erik Amundsen, Sean Donaghy (excused)
 - c. Upon a motion by Ann Donaldson and second by Lynda Letteney, the committee voted to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2013 meeting. Vote: 3 – 0

- II. Sign Warrants**
 - a. The warrants were signed with questions asked and answered on electric bills.

- III. Adult Education**
 - a. Susan Taylor reviewed the handout that she distributed to the committee, noting that in 2009, there was a motion to cut the local contribution amount to Food Service and Adult Education by half. The Adult Education subsidy is tied directly to the local contribution and was seen 2 years later.
 - b. Susan also noted that Adult Education generates funding for the general fund by offering high school completion options for 16-20 year olds who officially left day school.
 - c. New initiatives for Adult Education include a \$5,000 technology grant, a medical certificate program, more co-offered classes with CLC Adult Education and the new GED.

- IV. Financial Report**
 - a. Need to look at Property and Liability Insurance and find out when we need to go out to bid.

- V. Discussion of MCST**
 - a. Per Pupil Operating Costs for RSU 40 and MCST were distributed noting that the information was from FY 11-12, showing how the cost for MCST were calculated. To educate a student who attends Region 8, the district is spending approximately \$13,000.
 - b. Alternate day schedules was discussed with the need to build trust among MCST and the sending schools. It was noted that progress is being made; at first there was no ability to ask questions and then the Many Flags issues had to be dealt with. Now people are able to raise questions that they have.
 - c. It was noted that the MCST Budget goes through their Finance Committee.

VI. Other

- a. Property – Need to increase offer or go to Referendum to be able to bid at auction; Appraised value of real estate is more than \$425,000.
- b. Meeting Time – Dennis noted that one of the committee members can not make the 5:00 p.m. meeting time so we may need to adjust the time.

VII. The committee adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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