# Budget Committee Minutes Tuesday April 14th, 2020 4:30 p.m., Hampden Academy - Library and Google Meet

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Board of Directors	RSU 22	Contact Info on district website

## Meeting Agenda:

Old Business: Approval of Minutes Article 5 (Student and Staff Support)

New Business: Article 8 Transportation

**Adult Education** 

Other:

Next meeting: Budget Overview May 5th 4:30 p.m. Google Meet

	Meeting History	
1/21	Background (last year's budget, steps, calendar, dates, etc.) Articles 9,10,11 (Facilities, Debt Service, Nutrition)	
2/11	Article 4 Other Instruction (Athletics, Co-Curricular, Graduation, Summer School)	

Articles 1 and 2 (Regular Education and Special Education Instruction), Preliminary
ED 279, state valuation

3/10

Article Number	Article Name	Notes	Action
4/14/2020	Opening Remarks	Miller moved, Hamilton seconded, to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020. Unanimous committee approved.	
		Miller moved, Dyer seconded, to approve the minutes of March 31, 2020. Unanimous committee approved (Hamilton abstained).	
		Old Business	
		Assistant Superintendent Nickels indicated there were no adjustments to prior articles tonight.	
		EA22 and the Board of Directors ratified a new contract with teachers on April 8, 2020. EA22 approached the Board with a suggestion to cancel negotiations, and agree to a one-year contract with a 2% salary increase. The Budget Committee will revise budget articles to reflect the 2% increase.	
		ED279 subsidy report should remain as approved by legislature.	
		Budget meetings will continue as scheduled; on track for Board approval at their meeting of May 13, 2020.	
		Governor Mills has moved polling day to July which will affect the budget validation date. Question on alignment with district budget meeting. RSU 22 will seek to be aligned.	
3/31/2020	Opening Remarks	The meeting was opened at 4:34 by Chair Rob Frank. Minutes from March 10th's meeting will be approved at the next meeting.	
		Technology Director Nate Savage spoke to the group to inform them that the Google meeting would be recorded.	
		Next meeting is April 14th with Article 5 and Adult Education being presented.	
		Tuesday May 5th will be the final budget meeting, with full board approval to be requested on Wednesday May 13th Board meeting.	
		Motion to adjourn: Dyer Second: Miller	

		Adjourned at 4:49 PM	
3/10/2020	Opening Remarks	The meeting opened at 4:34. Motion to approve the minutes: Dyer Second: Hamilton Vote: Unanimous.  Assistant Superintendent Nickels introduced the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools chart. RSU 22 is highlighted in yellow and shows the amount anticipated to be received in FY21, once the State budget has been approved. \$785,430 is the anticipated new money for FY21. 2% change in valuation for our communities for FY21. Reviewed the preliminary FY21 ED-279.  Assistant Superintendent Nickels passed out a chart listing position requests and which positions made it into the budgets over the past four years.  Lists of the FY21 original position requests and those that have been prioritized for inclusion in the FY21 budget were presented. Assistant Superintendent Nickels answered questions regarding requests. Principal Tracy spoke about the Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR) program that will be offered at HA in FY21 for freshmen. An elective teacher at Hampden Academy was discussed and exploration of options has begun  Next meeting March 24, 2020, 4:30 PM, HA Library.  Motion to adjourn: Dyer, Second Miller 5:50 PM	
2/11/2020	Opening Remarks	Meeting called to order at 4:37. Budget Committee Chairman Rob Frank welcomed board and committee members along with the public. Assistant Superintendent Nickels explained that the minutes of the most recent budget meeting will be in red and will need committee approval. Minutes in black have been approved. Minutes from FY20 budget prep are in the document in blue type as historical reference but will be removed from further budget minute documents.  Chairman Frank asked for a motion for approval of the budget minutes of January 21, 2020. A motion was made by Committee member Dyer and a second by Committee member Miller. Vote was unanimous.  New Business:  The ED-279 school funding formula printout has been received. The preliminary results show an increase in funding of about \$785,000 for RSU 22 over last year (4.13% increase). Student enrollment has increased by 11 students. System Administration and the Educational Regional Service Center allocations have helped boost the increase. RSU #22's state share is 69.02% with the local contribution at 30.98%.	

		Next meeting March 10, 2020, Articles 1 and 2, Regular and Special Education.  Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.
1/21/2020	Opening Remarks for FY 21 Budget Year	Regan reviewed the calendar for budget preparation for FY21. FY 21 Budget Meeting calendars were passed out to attendees
		FY '21 RSU 22 Budget Development Meeting Dates
		Meetings below begin at 4:30 p.m. in Hampden Academy Library unless otherwise specified
		1. Tuesday, January 21st Articles 9, 10 and 11 (Facilities, Debt Service, Nutrition)
		2. Tuesday, February 11th Article 4 (Other instruction: athletics/co-curricular)
		3. Tuesday, March 10th Articles 1 and 2 (Regular and Special Ed Instruction)
		4. Tuesday, March 24th Articles 6 and 7 (System and Building Admin)
		5. Tuesday, April 14th Article 5 (Student & Staff Support: nurse, guidance, library)
		6. Tuesday, April 28th Article 8 (Transportation [later due to bidding process])
		7. Tuesday, May 5th Final Overall Budget Presentation
		Wednesday, May 13th Board of Directors Meeting: Budget Ratification 7:00 p.m.
		Tuesday, June 2nd Public Budget Forum 6:00 p.m.
		Thursday, June 4th District Budget Meeting at Hampden Academy gym 7:00 p.m.
		Tuesday, June 9th Budget Validation Referendum Day 8:00 a.m 8:00 p.m. poll sites
		<ul> <li>Minutes will be taken in the same format as last year.</li> <li>Historical minutes (for reference from FY 20) are found in light blue.</li> <li>New FY 21 minutes to be approved will be in red.</li> <li>Post approval FY 21 minutes will be in black.</li> </ul>
		Budget Process Overview: Beginning in December, Principals and Directors are given line by line budget reports to help them prepare the proposed budget. So far 23 positions have been requested. Positions are brought to the Admin Council to review, discuss and prioritize. Priority budget lens decisions include improved mathematics achievement, social/emotional needs and organizational structures. Student experience is the priority.
		Budget Categories: state definition handout reviewed and explained

#### Maine Department of Education

PK - 12 Budget Category Worksheet Budget Categories as defined by 20-A MRSA Sec. 1485 Article Refer to MDOE Model Charts of Account:

http://www.maine.gov/education/data/handbook/handbookmenu.htm

#### 1. Regular Instruction:

- 26. Regular Instruction Programs 24. PK-2 Instruction Programs
- 2. Alternative Education 9. English as a 2nd Language
- 11. Gifted and Talented

#### 2. Special Education Instruction:

28. Special Education Programs and Administration

## 3. CTE Instruction: Career and Technical Education

Career and Technical Education Student Support Services Career and Technical Education Instruction \*\* \*\*includes tuition and/or assessments paid to Centers and/or Regions Career and Technical Education Operation & Maintenance of Plant Career and Technical Education School Administration

# 4. Other instruction (including summer school and extracurricular instruction):

6. Co-curricular 10. Extra-curricular 31. Summer School

25. Post Secondary Enrollment

## 5. Student and Staff Support:

Student Support Services

- 12. Guidance Services 13. Health Services 16. Instructional Technology
- 23. Other Student Support Services Staff Support Services
- 14. Improvement of Instruction 15. Instructional Staff Training 17. Library Services
- 30. Student Assessment

## 6. System Administration:

32. System Administration

		7. School Administration: 27. School Administration  8. Transportation and Buses: 33. Transportation  9. Facilities Maintenance: 22. Operation & Melintenance of Plant Maintenance/Custodial Capital Enhancement & Improvement Capital Renewal & Renovation  10 Debt Services and Other Commitments: 8. Debt Service Payments  11. All Other Expenditures, including Child Nutrition: 4. Child Nutrition Transfer 4. Child Nutrition Expenditures (Local Only) 7. Community Service 21. Non Public School Services  • Please note: Adult Education is not part of Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 Education. The total of the budget categories should equal the total budget summary article.	
		Positions Added since FY 20 Budget was Passed:  Smith - added a Grade 2 teacher and a SPED teacher.  All elementary - SPED educational technicians  Substitute Teacher Pay increase to \$90 per day	
		Next meeting Feb 11, 2020 - Article 4 Other Instruction (Athletics/Co-Curricular)  Motion to adjourn: Committee member Dyer Second: Committee member Miller. Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm.	
March 10th	Regular Instruction: Classroom Teaching & materials, Gifted & Talented, Alternative Education,ELL, copiers, course reimbursement, substitutes	Article 1: Regular Instruction introduced. Includes teachers, educational technicians along with associated benefits, supplies, and resources to carry out pre-K, K-2, elementary, secondary, ELL, alternative and gifted and talented education.  Seven of the newly requested positions are contained in Article 1. Proposing a \$12,514,590.21 increase of \$700,644.42 or a 5.93% increase. Elementary Education - includes two new teachers (one hired in FY20, one for FY21), part of the .5 BCA. Secondary - BARR coordinator, elective teacher. English Language Learner instruction (ELL) - increase due to needs of students for a tutor.	

		Gifted & Talented - two edu toward teacher certification. eventual change from two ed upon timing of the staff's ce Assistant Superintendent Nic increases/decreases that make	Money in buch techs to two the triffication as God ckels reviewed	lget ear eachers T teach	marke s depe ners. t of	ed for	
		RSU #22 Budget Report by Article Presented March 10, 2020  Article 1: Regular Education The costs to education our regular education students PreK to grade 12.  Elementary Education Secondary Education Virtual High School (VHS) K-2 Education Pre-K Education English Language Learner (ELL) Alternative Education Gifted & Talented  * Increase in all salary lines in Article 1 * Decrease in all benefits lines in Article 1 * Tuition reimbursement Instructional supplies Field Trips * Books & Periodicals * Dues & Fees * Contracted Services * Copier Lease and Service	\$2,358,969.41 \$2,464,564.20 \$357,501.89 \$377,571.70	\$700,644.42 \$241,382.94 \$230,680.63 \$5,071.20 \$105,594.79 \$20,069.81 \$21,749.90 \$6,788.84 \$69,306.31 \$609,962.73 \$10,687.16 \$16,722.94 \$20,383.18 \$8,035.79 \$5,339.76) \$2,616.00 \$4,920.58	% Variance 5.93%	% of Total Variance	
2 March 10th	Special Education Instruction: teaching & materials, Specialist costs: OT, PT, Audiology, Social Work, Psych, Speech/Language , SPED Administration	Article 2: Special Education teachers, educational technic associated benefits, supplies self-contained, hospital/hom and adaptive physical special social work, audiology and provided the start of the school once to determined. Salary and benefincrease in the FY21 project will require 1:1 ed tech service.	eians, administration, and resources ebound, speech leducation insurable by the control of the c	ration as to carred & land truction services as will estuder hake up	tlong very out aguage in, alors is.  be assets are the becoming	with resource, e, OT, PT ng with signed at ulk of the ng students	

		RSU #22 Budget Report by Article   Presented: March 10, 2020   FY20   Proposed   Propo
4	has its own funding allocation (ED 279)	FY 20 Article 3 - UTC Amount TBD \$0  FY 21 Article 4 is proposed at \$956,717.05; an increase of \$54,020,14 over EV 20 or 5,089/
February 11, 2020	Instruction: Co-Curricular, Extra-Curricular, Summer School, Graduation, Athletic Directors, Activity Transportation	Assistant Superintendent Nickels reviewed the components of Article 4.    RSI F22 Indign Report by Article Presented Private Production Presented Private Priv

Question on athletic transportation and the pay structure for the services. RSU 22 pays mileage for the buses, drivers by the hour and the cost of the fuel. There is not a radical shift in the number of sports teams being transported in FY21.

Two pieces of information that need to be finalized to finalize Article 4 include transportation rates which is still in negotiation along with the ERP factor on which coaches pay is based.

Further discussion was had regarding transportation costs including questions regarding cost per mile, etc.

Regionalization of transportation services locally has included cost savings ideas. Shared transportation is one of the areas that is being investigated. Are there ways to combine transportation regionally to reduce costs to all districts? Not all of the districts in our area are on the same cycle for bidding.

MaryAnne reported that the increase per year is less than in past years. FY18 to FY20.

Athletic Trainer supply closet has been an additional cost to the district where in the past we have received donations of supplies.

The HA Boosters provides scholarships, banquet supplies, 12 star award, ½ of the cost of uniforms.

MaryAnne questioned the increase in the supplies and equipment. Regan explained the needs for the sports (including safety needs) that require equipment be maintained, refurbished or replaced.

HA athletic participation fees of \$50 per sport are collected from each student for each sport they participate in which helps to support the programs. The participation fee scholarship question is included in the Family ID on-line questionnaire that all parents/guardians complete. All information regarding requests is kept confidential.

Some equipment costs are absorbed by the parents in football - girdles, basketball - sneakers, soccer - cleats, socks and shin guards to name a few.

Committee Chairman Frank intends to ask Board Chair Hawkes to officially thank the Boosters Club for their support of the athletic budget and programming.

## 5 Student and 4.91% increase over last year. **Staff Support:** Guidance, **April** Instructional technology has been a saving grace for RSU 22. Nursing, 14th Technology, Article 5 Student & Staff Support Library, 504 Services, Assistant Superintendent Nickels shared this article covers many Intervention, areas of budget: Testing, Guidance, Health Services, Instructional related technology, Professional Section 504 of Special Services. Development, Curriculum Board Member Hamilton asked about technology for grades 3-5, Director correlation to reaching those students. Are we considering as long-term projections? Technology Director Savage replied we are 1 to 1 from grades 6-12. Lower grades have devices that go from class to class. Board Member Anderson asked – Any new devices being purchased this year? Technology Director Savage, no. New staff devices are needed. If the state supports purchase, we will wait one year to do that. How to get devices back at end of this year? Nate – HA students keep over the summer. Need to discuss w/administration. Need to be ready for fall. Board Member Miller asked – Envision any problems increase in guidance services in the fall due to this virus time? Assistant Superintendent Nickels: guidance very active right now with students. Will have good idea on what needs are in fall. Superintendent Lyons – Concern regarding students moving in over summer. Assistant Superintendent Nickels-Looking at projects: phone system replacement, RBMS, HA (voice over product could save money). Lab at HA needs laptops. May be able to go another vear on both. Nate – 1 year left on Chromebook warranties. Anticipated and added to budget. JH?- 504 needs? More students in last few years. Assistant

Superintendent Nickels: Line does not address increased needs. Guidance helps, principals will find others who will assist in

		building. BARR at HA, designed to help with needs in 504 population.	
		Assistant Superintendent Nickels: Student support: modest increase.	
		Assistant Superintendent Nickels: Intervention, unique to each building. Described how used in each building. Recess monitors hired to relieve staff of duty.	
		Assistant Superintendent Nickels: Staff training: relating to professional development. Improvement of instruction being addressed. Slight decrease. In past, as much as possible funded through Curriculum office/federal funds. Substitute costs (to cover teacher professional development).	
		Instructional Coach and Math Coach explanation. Instructional coach more hours next year.	
		Board Member Hamilton – Drop-in Center at HA? HA Nurse Barb Parent: place get extra support during day. After school, too. Center has been in place for many years at HA. Overlap w/Acadia program.	
		Board Member Dyer – target anything in particular for staff training? Transition of leadership. Visible learning, supported by PREP. Support for dyslexia training. Math professional development. Assistant Superintendent Nickels spoke to 3 phases of dyslexia training.	
		Board Member Royal – HA School Nurse Parent: From whom to collect data on use of drop-in center? Yes, through Jill Kenney, guidance.	
6 March	System Administration: Board of	Article 6: Total proposed of \$961,100.46 for an increase of \$40,524.35 or a 4.40% increase.	
31st	Directors, Legal, Negotiations, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Accounting/Payr oll Office	Board of Directors: \$7,000 increase to conduct an enrollment projection study and continuing the diversity work across the district including an education equity audit.  Executive Administration: Overall decrease of costs due to shifts in costs of salary and benefits.  Fiscal Office: Added a part-time position to assist with finance and HR	

		Clarification question: The shifts in salaries between the superintendent and business office reflect the changes in administrator duties following the upcoming leadership transition. Mrs. Nickels, as Superintendent, will be retaining financial duties resulting in a split of salary/benefits between the central and business office lines. The request for one additional part-time position in the business office also is part of the salary increase.	
		RSU #22 Budget Report by Article Presented: March 31, 2020    FY20 Proposed   Sy20,576.11   Sy61,100.46   Sy40,524.35   Sy4riance   Sy20,576.11   Sy61,100.46   Sy40,524.35   Sy4riance   Sy20,576.11   Sy61,100.46   Sy40,524.35   Sy4riance   Sy40,524.35   Sy4riance   Sy40,524.35   Sy4riance   Sy40,524.35   Sy4riance   Sy40,524.35   Sy4riance   Sy40,524.35   Sy4riance   Sy40,524.35   Sy40,524.3	
7 March 24th	School Administration: Principals, course reimbursement, Admin Assistants, Office costs	Article 7: School Administration, Total proposed \$1,597,480.51 for an increase of \$57,201.75 or a 3.71% increase. Benefit shifts, professional development and course reimbursement are reasons for the increase. Addresses the needs and comes in with a conservative increase of 3.7%.  **RSU #22 Budget Report by Article Presented March 31, 2020  **FY20 Proposed FY21 Proposed \$1,597,480.51 \$57,201.75 \$3.71%  **Article 7: School Administration School leadership (Office of the Principal) and associated costs.  **Increase in salaries Principals \$823,745.08 \$828,859.78 \$5,114.70 \$1.050.251.26 \$1.050.68 \$1.050	
8 April 28th	Transportation: Bussing contract, Diesel Fuel, Van purchases, Out of District Transportation costs		
9	Facilities Maintenance: Buildings,	Article 9: .42% increase	12

January
21st

Utilities,
Plowing,
Propane/Oil,
Custodians,
Equipment,
Architects &
Engineer fees,
Contracted
Services
(grounds, roofs,
inspections, etc),
Van Fleet,
Supplies, Repairs

RSU #22 Budget Report by Article Presented: January 21, 2020				
	FY20 Budget	FY21 Proposed	\$ Incr/(Decr)	% Incr/(Decr)
	\$4,042,106.88	\$4,059,141.02	\$17,034.14	0.42%
Article 9: Maintenance				
The costs to maintain and care for the district buildings.				
Operation of buildings	\$1,117,980.10	\$1,144,058.48	\$26,078.38	2.33%
Care of buildings	\$1,271,458.36	\$1,237,219.41	-\$34,238.95	-2.69%
Maintenance of buildings	\$953,227.01	\$986,754.01	\$33,527.00	3.52%
Capital Renewal and Renovation	\$659,590.57	\$646,109.12	-\$13,481.45	-2.04%
Architect and Engineering	\$39,850.84	\$45,000.00	\$5,149.16	12.92%
* Change in property insurance/move auto insurance to Article 8	\$111,420.95	\$124,791.57	\$13,370.62	12.00%
* Potential increase in Contracted Services, Custodial	\$0.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	100.00%
* Equipment, Non-Cap, all buildings	\$25,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$12,500.00	50.00%
* Contracted services, Maintenance	\$554,518.87	\$536,094.94	-\$18,423.93	-3.32%
* Decrease in Other Equipment Leases	\$9,054.44	\$0.00	-\$9,054.44	-100.00%
* Repair & Maintenance, Vehicles	\$25,312.50	\$30,375.00	\$5,062.50	20.00%
* Principal, Repair Bond	\$418,812.66	\$421,812.67	\$3,000.01	0.72%
* Interest, Repair Bond	\$102,127.91	\$85,697.91	-\$16,430.00	-16.09%
* Capital Outlay, Planning & Study	\$39,850.84	\$45,000.00	\$5,149.16	12.92%

There is stability in Article 9 and adequate funding to meet the needs of the buildings.

The Capital Reserve fund offers additional finances to ensure deferred maintenance projects and larger capital projects are addressed.

Operation of buildings including trash, fuel, snow removal, etc. as well as the funding for Hampden Academy's School Resource Officer (SRO) is included in Article 9. The Town of Hampden would like to discuss a potential increase in cost for the SRO in FY21.

Water/Sewer won't show significant increase, trash removal 2%-3% increase, the snow removal increase is by contract. Property and casualty insurance will increase due to the increased building and content re-valuations.

Electricity/fuel/propane is being bid by CES (Competitive Energy Services) and prices should hold or decrease due to postive bid returns. Fee to CES for bidding? Set amount per Kilowatt hour. Contract cost is estimated at \$3,000, but expect to save more than that

School Resource Officer - Questions about cost.

Care of Buildings: salary adjustment due to shared employees over two departments/programs.

Maintenance of Buildings: shows a decrease due to interest reductions in various past projects that were financed.

Discussed Property & Casualty insurance and the bid process. One cost driver in Article 9 is the need for custodial equipment within the buildings.

2022 Newburgh Elementary School to be sold to the Town for \$1 upon successful referendum to formally close the school.

Question on Contracted Custodial Services increase.

Vehicles: the RSU would like to continue to purchase vans. New enough vans that will be safe and last, plus offer the value of the

		warranty on new vehicles.		
January 21st March 26, 2019	Debt Service and Other Commitments: state approved capital debt obligations, Frankfort debt service flowthrough	Article 10: Debt Service.  RSU #22 Budget Report by Article Presented: January 21, 2020  FY20 Budget FY21 Proposed \$3,718,459.90 \$3,617,632.90 \$1ncr/(Decr) \$4 Incr/(Decr) \$2,711/6  Article 10: Debt Service Principal and Interest for new Hampden Academy and Frankfort debt service flow-through.  * Includes Frankfort Debt Service * Includes new Hampden Academy  * Debt Service, Principal \$2,408,155.90 \$2,408,155.90 \$1,209,477.00 \$100,827.00)  Amounts for FY21 cannot be confirmed until the ED-279 is received.  \$100,000 reduction in debt service interest. ED-279 will confirm figures. 85.1% of the Hampden Academy debt is state supported. The turf debt is not included in Article 10. It is in Article 9: Repair Bond.	Update     Debt     Service      Update     Bond     Debt     Service	
11 January 21st	All Other Expenditures: food service program	Article 11: All Other Expenses, Including Child Nutrition  **RSU #22 Budget Report by Article Presented: January 21, 2020  Article 11: All Other Expenditures, Including School Lunch  **Last year for FY20 there was \$0 funding requested for this article. Requesting \$30,000 for FY21. RSU 22 currently has \$11,250 in uncollected school lunch debt. Last year the district had \$5,375 and in FY18 only \$3,891. The *Food Shaming Law* was enacted in September 2019 and the correlation is a question.  The RSU 22 Food Service Director has been making a gallant attempt to collect school lunch debt. The increased incur of debt has been happening both State and Region-wide this year. The need to hire a collection agency to collect the unpaid debt is in discussion. District personnel continue to try to collect the debt even if it is written off at year end. In the past the school nutrition staff would remind students in middle and high schools. This year that practice is not allowed due to the new law. Our Food Service Director has been sending letters home, emailing and calling in an attempt to collect. The district plans to publish a clarifying statement in the LINK 22 to explain the requirement to pay lunch debt. The qualifying free and reduced population has increased which leads to school district reimbursement.		