



# MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

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Budget Update #10 - RSU #38 School Board Budget Meeting, May 16, 2018

***"Promoting student success in all areas, as we strive for academic excellence while maintaining fiscal responsibility."***

On May 16, 2018 RSU #38 citizens met in the gymnasium at the Maranacook Community High School to review the warrant articles and approve the FY19 District Budget. Richard Spencer was elected as moderator in Article 1. Then Betty Morrell, RSU #38 School Board Chair explained the budget process and I shared a history of the RSU budget and state subsidy. Enrollment history was reviewed, showing an increase in enrollment of 22 students in FY18 over FY17. These documents are available on our website along with all of the other budget documents that have been used during the FY19 budget development process.

Articles 2 and 3 were approved without discussion. A question was asked about the \$0 request for CATC (Capital Area Technical Center) in Article 4. Currently state funding for CATC goes directly from the state to CATC. Several years ago the funding went to the school district and the district paid CATC, thus requiring a warrant article for the expenditure of that sum. No funding for CATC passes through the school district at this time. Article 4 was approved.

Articles 5 through 17 were approved without discussion. A supportive comment on the collaborative work between the RSU #38 School Board and the four town Select Boards was made regarding the addition of Article 18 last year authorizing the School Board to use the entire additional State subsidy to reduce local assessments. This warrant article was included as a result of the request by Select Boards at the joint RSU #38 School Board and Select Boards meeting. Last year additional monies received by the district were returned to the towns and local contributions were adjusted accordingly. Article 18 was approved.

Articles 19 and 20 were approved without discussion. A question about Article 21 was raised regarding funding received through grant monies such as Title IA, Title IIA, Title IV, Title V, Local Entitlement, Gear-Up and other miscellaneous grants. Article 21 was approved.

I would like to thank the citizens who attended the meeting and those that have participated in the FY19 budget development process. The referendum vote on the FY19 RSU #38 School Budget will be held at town voting places on June 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

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