

Regional School Unit 56 Budget Information for 2017-2018 (Revised)

Canton – Carthage – Dixfield – Peru

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 1A: To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11

AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **School Board Recommends \$3,774,296.00**

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **School Board Recommends \$2,189,154.00**

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. **School Board Recommends \$771,094.00**

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction. **School Board Recommends \$399,785.00**

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **School Board Recommends \$1,191,078.00**

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **School Board Recommends \$543,457.00**

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **School Board Recommends \$543,274.00**

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses. **School Board Recommends \$920,486.00**

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **School Board Recommends \$1,365,232.00**

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **School Board Recommends \$1,180,370.00**

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures. **School Board Recommends \$80,938.00**

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14

RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Regional School Unit 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 and to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each 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 20A, section 15688. **Recommended amounts set forth below:**

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):	
Town of Canton	\$1,718,897.38	Town of Canton	\$442,396.50
Town of Carthage	\$952,333.20	Town of Carthage	\$252,798.00
Town of Dixfield	\$5,320,040.79	Town of Dixfield	\$1,192,191.00
Town of Peru	\$2,685,109.90	Town of Peru	\$1,023,750.00
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$10,676,381.27	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$2,911,135.50

Explanation: The Regional School 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 the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. **School Board Recommends \$11,079.81**

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters.

ARTICLE 14: (Written ballot required.) To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,921,002.92**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,673,029.32**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,673,029.32: These additional funds are needed to fund expenses that are not covered by the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model. This model does not fully cover the costs of regular classroom instruction, special education instruction, extracurricular and co-curricular student activities, district administration and leadership, student transportation, and school technology.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School 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 Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the Regional School 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, 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 Board Recommends \$12,959,164.00**

FACTS:

RSU 56 cannot rejoin RSU 10 (or any other school district) for the 2017-18 school year. There is a formal process that would need to happen in order for RSU 56 to rejoin RSU 10 or another district.

The amount that RSU 56 is paying RSU 10 is similar to the cost of summer salaries moving forward, therefore, that amount cannot be considered a "one-time" expense.

Additional cuts, such as teaching positions and extra/co-curricular activities, were considered. The decision to retain those positions/activities was made in order to maintain the integrity of the programming in the RSU 56 schools.

The RSU 56 school board would appreciate any/all feedback you have to offer around the school budget. A survey has been posted on the website (www.rsu56.org) that would provide an opportunity to offer anonymous feedback. You may also contact Superintendent Pam Doyen at 562-4300 or by e-mail at pdoyen@rsu56.org.

A budget informational slideshow can be accessed on the district website, www.rsu56.org if you would like to gather more information about this budget.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

All school systems are required to hold an annual budget meeting to be followed by a budget validation referendum vote.

At the annual budget meeting on Thursday, July 27 at Dirigo High School, the voters will vote on the warrant article amounts and total budget approved by the RSU 56 Board on July 11, 2017. Once a budget is approved at the annual budget meeting, it must then be approved by a referendum vote in each community of the RSU.

BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM VOTE

The budget validation referendum vote will be held on August 8, 2017. Voting hours vary by town. The only question on the ballot asks for a yes or no response regarding approving the budget. If the voters approve of the action taken at the annual budget meeting, then the budget is considered adopted. If the voters vote no regarding the action taken at the budget meeting, then the board must go back and approve a new budget and repeat the entire process.

AUGUST 8, 2017 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM

VOTING HOURS BY TOWN

Canton	Town Office Meeting Room, 94 Turner Street	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Carthage	Carthage Town Office, 703 Carthage Road	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Dixfield	American Legion, 8 River Lane	noon – 8:00 p.m.
Peru	Peru Town Office, 26 Main Street	noon – 7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

July 26, 2017	Informational Meeting on the Budget	Dirigo High School	6:30 p.m.
July 27, 2017	Annual Budget Meeting	Dirigo High School	6:30 p.m.
August 8, 2017	Budget Validation Referendum Vote	Town polling places	

ADULT EDUCATION

Town	Local Share
Canton	\$10,862.18
Carthage	\$6,108.00
Dixfield	\$31,508.23
Peru	\$20,933.33
Total	\$69,411.74

Estimated annual tax increase on a home valued at \$100,000 based on the proposed school budget. This information was provided by each town office.

Canton	\$60.00
Carthage	\$52.19
Dixfield	\$175.00
Peru	\$100.00 - \$120.00

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Dear RSU 56 Community Members,

The RSU 56 School Board members, as well as the administrative team and full staff, are dedicated to providing students with the best education possible while also being fiscally responsible. Our vision is to create and maintain a supportive learning environment where every child is known, challenged and inspired. It is our goal to provide a comprehensive educational experience that includes strong core academic programs, enrichment opportunities, and extra/co-curricular activities. We know that our schools are, and should be, the pride of our communities.

I started as superintendent of schools for RSU 56 on July 1st. I have seen the angst that school administrators and school board members have felt as they worked to reduce the overall budget. Although we are well aware of the impact of the school budget, we have worked diligently to reduce the budget as much as possible while also being able to honor the integrity of the school programs. We humbly ask for your support as we strive to re-form RSU 56 to meet the needs of Canton, Carthage, Dixfield and Peru.

We would truly appreciate the opportunity to hear directly from you about the budget. We encourage you to provide information through a survey at the following URL, which can easily be accessed on our website ([www.RSU 56.org](http://www.RSU56.org)): <https://goo.gl/forms/kgf1Fh88GFisFif23> or you could contact me at 562-4300 or by e-mail at pdoyen@rsu56.org. Your opinion and input are important to us.

I look forward to serving you, your students and your towns moving forward.

Sincerely,
Pam Doyen, Superintendent of Schools

FY 17-18 TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS \$12,959,164.00

TOWN	LOCAL ALLOCATION	LOCAL DEBT	HISTORICAL ADD'L LOCAL	CURRENT ADD'L LOCAL	TOTAL TO BE RAISED FY 17-18
Canton	\$442,396.50	\$1,733.87	\$0.00	\$300,616.12	\$744,746.49
Carthage	\$252,798.00	\$974.99	\$0.00	\$169,041.83	\$422,814.82
Dixfield	\$1,192,191.00	\$5,029.48	\$0.00	\$872,005.17	\$2,069,225.65
Peru	\$1,023,750.00	\$3,341.47	\$0.00	\$579,339.81	\$1,606,431.28
Totals	\$2,911,135.50	\$11,079.81	\$0.00	\$1,921,002.92	\$4,843,218.23

State Mandated Formula for Distributing Local Cost of Budget:

	FY 17-18
Allocation - State Share	\$7,765,245.77
Allocation - Local Share	\$2,911,135.50
Debt Service - Local Share	\$11,079.81
Tuition From Other LEAs	\$0.00
Special Education Tuition From Other LEAs	\$0.00
MaineCare	\$60,000.00
Technology Services	\$30,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00
Excess Balance Fwd Previous Yr	\$0.00
Balance Forward Current Year	\$250,000.00
Gate Receipts	\$5,000.00
State grant for laptops	\$5,700.00
Additional - Local Share	\$1,921,002.92
Total - General Appropriations	\$12,959,164.00

Town	50% Valuation	50% Students	Percentage Of Costs
Canton	\$54,016,667.00	121.0	15.649%
Carthage	\$30,866,667.00	67.0	8.800%
Dixfield	\$145,566,667.00	374.5	45.393%
Peru	\$125,000,000.00	189.0	30.158%
TOTALS	\$355,450,001.00	751.5	100.00%

TOWN	LOCAL TAXES FY 18-17	VARIANCE FY 16-17 MINUS 15-16	TOTAL TO BE RAISED FY 17-18	VARIANCE FY 17-18 MINUS 16-17	PERCENTAGE INCREASE
Canton	\$663,064.14	\$9,591.87	\$744,746.49	\$81,682.35	12.319%
Carthage	\$379,209.95	\$12,151.59	\$422,814.82	\$43,604.87	11.499%
Dixfield	\$1,805,386.00	\$49,862.94	\$2,069,225.65	\$263,839.65	14.814%
Peru	\$1,479,898.99	\$18,609.63	\$1,606,431.28	\$126,532.29	8.550%
TOTALS	\$4,327,558.08	\$80,216.03	\$4,843,218.23	\$515,659.15	11.918%