

RSU 54/MSAD 54
SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Middle School, Rm 166

Members Present: Jean Franklin - Chair; Mark Bedard - Vice Chair; Valerie Coulombe; Daniel Frey; Lauren Fox; Tanya Groce; Lynda Quinn; Sara Smith
Also Present: Amy Rouse; Rob Rodrigue; Jon Moody; David Leavitt; Melannie Keister; Jessica Brown

1. Support Services Presentation

The Superintendent highlighted the updated budget numbers, which included the reduction of \$1,242,571 from the budget presented to the Board on 2/13. The FY26 Draft Budget is up 5.05%, the majority of which is 100% state funded increases for CTE (\$652,515) and the Bond for the Margaret Chase Smith Community School (\$867,937). When backing out those funds, the overall budget is up 1.94%. The Superintendent discussed the effort the district has made to increase revenues, including increased Medicare billing for services and the continued use of significant fund balance to reduce the local budget. With cuts to spending and increased revenues, the local impact for the Status Quo Budget sits at 1.891%. The Superintendent reminded the group that health insurance is the only increase not in the Status Quo Budget.

The Support Services Committee reviewed the following articles in the draft budget line by line:

- Article 4: Extra & Co Curricular
- Article 7: School Administration
- Article 8: Transportation
- Article 9: Facilities & Maintenance
- Article 10: Debt Service

The Committee finished its work moving through the budget and will revisit the area of athletics at its next meeting and will review the impact of health insurance and potential additional cuts at its meeting on April 17th.

Future Meetings: 4/3/2025