

**Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District
Budget Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Robert Kahler, Superintendent of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2025 and the following action was taken.

ARTICLE 1A: Melissa Holmes was elected Moderator to preside at the meeting and was sworn in by Michelle Farnham.

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 1: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$5,362,739 for Regular Instruction.

ARTICLE 2: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$2,377,909 for Special Education.

ARTICLE 3: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education.

ARTICLE 4: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$390,303 for Other Instruction.

ARTICLE 5: It was voted to authorize the District to expend to expend \$1,284,366 for Student and Staff Support.

ARTICLE 6: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$461,913 for System Administration.

ARTICLE 7: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$772,300 for School Administration.

ARTICLE 8: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$499,886 for Transportation and Buses.

ARTICLE 9: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$1,873,038 for Facilities Maintenance.

ARTICLE 10: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$380,000 for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

ARTICLE 11: It was voted to authorize the District to expend \$250,000 for All Other Expenditures.

ARTICLES 12 AND 13 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: It was voted to authorize the District to appropriate the amounts set forth below for the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to raise and assess amounts set forth below as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Total Appropriated (by municipality):		Total Raised (and District assessments by municipality):	
Town of Boothbay	\$ 4,260,789.09	Town of Boothbay	\$ 3,747,848.42
Town of Boothbay Harbor	\$ 2,199,846.38	Town of Boothbay Harbor	\$ 1,935,015.00
Total Appropriated (sum of above)	\$ 6,460,635.47	Total Raised (sum of above)	\$ 5,682,863.42

Explanation: The District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 District must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: It was voted by secret ballot to authorize the District to raise and appropriate \$5,724,548.53 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$5,614,548.53 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee Recommended \$5,724,548.53, which exceeded the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$5,614,548.53. The School Committee gave the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: costs of maintaining student-teacher ratios; costs of special education programming; costs of extra-curricular and co-curricular programs; transportation costs.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the District's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 District budget for educational programs.

Yes 55

No 9

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14: It was voted to allow the School Committee to expend \$13,652,455 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, local funds for 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.

ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 15: It was voted to allow the District to appropriate \$105,415 for adult education and raise \$35,148 as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 16: It was voted to authorize the School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED


ARTICLE 17: It was voted that in the event that the District receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, the School Committee will be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee.

ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS

ARTICLE 18: It was voted to authorize the School Committee to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

A true copy attest:


Michelle Farnham, Town Clerk