

RSU #57

Proposed

2014-15

Budget

Tuesday, May 20, 2014



*Alfred*Limerick*Lyman*Newfield*Shapleigh*Waterboro*

Superintendent's 2014 Annual Letter



As it has been said, tide and time wait for no man (*St. Marher, 1225*). The world of education continues to change and at the same time remains quite similar to when you and I were in school. In our own state and community, the constant is schools are open each day and students and staff work diligently to prepare our children for the challenges they will face as adults as they take their place in our community. Predicting the state of the world, the economy and the many changes our children will face, is not so easy. Many jobs that exist today will evolve over the next 20 years and require new skills. How do we prepare our young people for a future we ourselves do not fully understand? The most important skill that we all can have is to know how to be continuous learners.

What your teachers, staff, administrators and school board members are doing is working hard at making sure all children receive the educational foundation they need to be a continuous learner and a contributor to the community. If we cannot predict the many skills each young person needs then we must help our children adapt to their ever-changing nature of their world.

School District Budget: Early information from the State is that the funding for education looks stable. The District will address the many changes that occur but the Board, as of this writing, is not looking at any significant program changes in the upcoming budget. There will be adjustments for "cost of business" increases. The district will continue to review staffing needs and make adjustments where warranted.

School District Infrastructure: We have discussed in the past our district has an aging infrastructure. Except for the middle school, our buildings range between 20 to 50 years of age. The conditions of our facilities remain good but we must keep ahead of the maintenance needs.

This year the Board will seek support for a measure that will now address the playing fields and infrastructure of our athletic complex. If supported by the community, our students will again use the track and competition will return to our high school.

A few major projects that were completed this past year:

Improved Security – as many of you requested, most all buildings are now locked and access is controlled.

Water main project – Waterboro Elementary: For the first time in many years the students and staff can use the drinking fountains. Most of this project was supported by a variety of grants secured by Delano Lebel, now retired.

Auditorium – High School: The high school continues to receive updates in its appearance. This past year the auditorium was painted, new seats were installed and the floor was resurfaced. It is again a great space.

I want to thank all our community members for your continued support of education in the Massabesic area. I look forward to my continued association with the students and staff of our district as we work to do the very best we can for each student in the district.

Educationally Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John A. Davis, Ed.D.
Superintendent

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

Dear Residents:

This FY15 budget development process has proved to be challenging but productive. Our economy continues to improve slowly. Our childrens' educational needs, opportunities, and expectations remain as great as ever. Our students need a solid education to compete in the global workplace and we believe the proposed school district budget will fulfill those requirements. This process has included multiple stakeholders and all information about the budget has been posted online for taxpayers to see. Transparency is essential when asking you to support our budget and we believe we have achieved the highest level of transparency. Take a look at the site and let the Board know your thoughts. We hope you will support the school district budget, which we believe strikes the right balance between giving students what they need educationally, while not overburdening the taxpayers of our six towns.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Bergeron
RSU #57 School Board of Directors, Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dear Residents:

The Finance Committee began its work on the budget at the start of the New Year. We consistently reminded ourselves that the goal and obligation of the school district is to provide a quality educational experience which will allow our students to be respectful, responsible and creative thinkers.

The administrative team worked in concert with the Finance Committee to help ensure that the essential needs of all students are addressed. The challenges of minimal increases in state funding while costs continue to rise and enrollments decrease provided a difficult balancing act for the Committee. After many hours of work and discussion we believe that we have taken a very proactive approach to providing what is necessary in educating our youth while containing the financial impact to the taxpayers.

The full School Board reviewed the proposed budget and has approved it for the taxpayers' support and approval. We are hopeful that you will participate in the District Budget Meeting on May 20, 2014 at Massabesic Middle School. In addition, please make sure you visit your respective polling place on June 10, 2014 for support of the District Referendum Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dominic Vermette
Finance Committee Chairman



Enrollments by Community

	<u>FY 2013-14</u>		<u>FY 2014-15</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Alfred	344.50	Alfred	344.50	-
Limerick	460.50	Limerick	463.00	2.50
Lyman	583.50	Lyman	575.50	(8.00)
Newfield	177.00	Newfield	177.00	-
Shapleigh	349.00	Shapleigh	347.50	(1.50)
Waterboro	1,333.00	Waterboro	1,290.50	(42.50)
Total	3,247.50	Total	3,198.00	(49.50)

Per Pupil Total Operating Costs Comparison with State Average

	State Average	RSU #57	<u>% Below State Average</u>
2012-13	\$11,582	\$10,388	10.3%
2011-12	\$11,218	\$9,708	13.5%
2010-11	\$11,063	\$9,311	15.8%
2009-10	\$11,037	\$9,439	14.5%
2008-09	\$11,034	\$9,383	15.0%

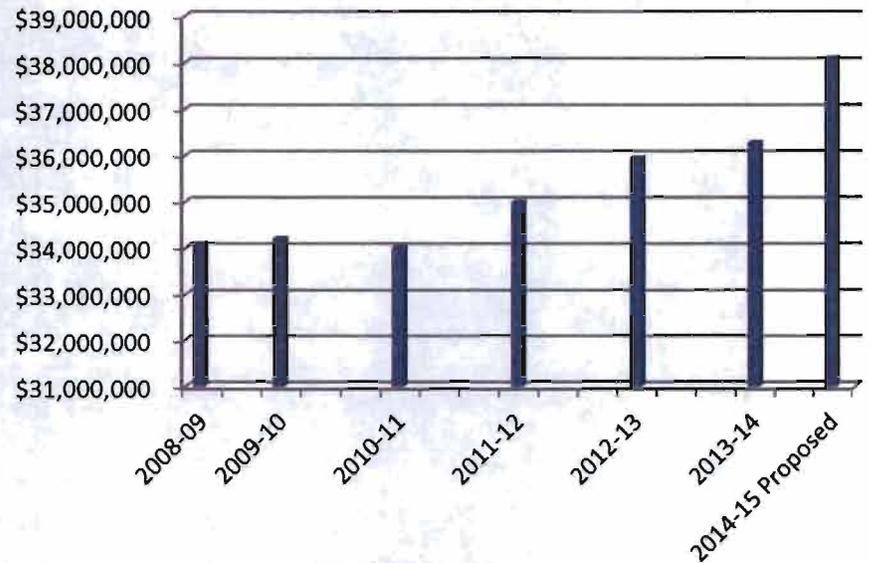
**RSU #57 PREPARES
 RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE & CREATIVE
 THINKERS FOR SUCCESS IN THE
 GLOBAL COMMUNITY**

Per Pupil Total Expenditures

How we compare with other districts in
2012-2013

1	RSU #51 Cumberland	\$ 14,462.86
2	Acton	\$ 14,367.57
3	York	\$ 14,016.35
4	Yarmouth	\$ 13,681.39
5	Falmouth	\$ 13,496.80
6	Brunswick	\$ 13,166.47
7	RSU #21 Kennebunk	\$ 13,038.25
8	Kittery	\$ 12,908.23
9	Cape Elizabeth	\$ 12,734.05
10	South Portland	\$ 12,656.14
11	RSU #75 Topsham	\$ 12,645.45
12	Biddeford	\$ 12,540.18
13	RSU #5 Freeport	\$ 12,445.15
14	Portland	\$ 12,201.87
15	RSU #55 Sacopee Valley	\$ 12,124.08
16	Gorham	\$ 11,834.10
STATE AVERAGE		\$ 11,582.29
17	Westbrook	\$ 11,318.87
18	RSU #14 Windham	\$ 11,145.27
19	RSU #60 Noble	\$ 11,138.96
20	Scarborough	\$ 11,119.54
21	RSU #35 Marshwood	\$ 10,920.69
22	RSU #6 Bonny Eagle	\$ 10,727.56
23	RSU #23 Saco	\$ 10,658.32
24	Lewiston	\$ 10,655.69
25	RSU #57 Massabesic	\$ 10,388.14
26	RSU #17 Oxford Hills	\$ 9,837.01
27	Auburn	\$ 9,408.79
28	RSU #19 Newport	\$ 9,404.08
29	Sanford	\$ 9,367.49

7 Year History of RSU #57 School Budgets 2008-09 through the Proposed 2014-15 Budget



This chart illustrates the total budgeted expenditures (including adult education) over the past 7 years. Included in the budget proposed for fiscal 2014-2015 are costs associated with the state retirement system which are now being passed along to the District. This accounts for more than \$425,000 of the increase as compared to the prior fiscal year.

RSU 57 Core Beliefs

All students can learn.

Students learn in different ways, in different settings, and at different rates for different futures.

Successful student learning is meaningful and relevant to the learner.

Clear learning targets and continuous reflection are essential to successful learning.

Students learn best in a safe environment characterized by positive relationships with caring, competent individuals.

High standards of performance are expected of all.



Local Assessments*
8 Year History
2007-08 through Proposed 2014-15

**Includes Adult Education*

Fiscal Year	Budget	% Increase
2007-08	\$ 17,364,626	
2008-09	\$ 17,628,936	1.52%
2009-10	\$ 18,202,488	3.25%
2010-11	\$ 19,525,163	7.27%
2011-12	\$ 19,896,730	1.90%
2012-13	\$ 20,487,824	2.97%
2013-14	\$ 21,487,824	4.88%
2014-15 Proposed	\$ 22,305,761	3.81%

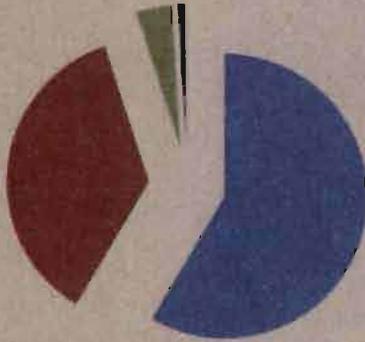
Average Annual % Increase = 3.66%

Local Assessments*
Assessment Shares by Town & Tax Impacts

**Includes Adult Education*

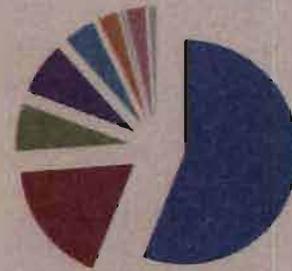
Town	Actual Local Share 2013-14	Proposed Local Share 2014-15	\$ Increase 2014-15	% Increase 2014-15	Approximate Annual \$ Increase on Property Valued @ \$180,000	Approximate Additional Monthly Cost
Alfred	\$ 2,353,499.46	\$ 2,443,172.31	\$ 89,672.85	3.810%	\$ 110.45	\$ 9.20
Limerick	\$ 2,752,968.67	\$ 2,911,593.29	\$ 158,624.62	5.762%	\$ 105.35	\$ 8.78
Lyman	\$ 3,966,137.08	\$ 4,098,103.63	\$ 131,966.55	3.327%	\$ 96.91	\$ 8.08
Newfield	\$ 1,613,326.28	\$ 1,696,330.82	\$ 83,004.54	5.145%	\$ 72.36	\$ 6.03
Shapleigh	\$ 3,313,552.00	\$ 3,436,648.60	\$ 123,096.60	3.715%	\$ 77.04	\$ 6.42
Waterboro	\$ 7,488,340.51	\$ 7,719,912.35	\$ 231,571.84	3.092%	\$ 80.81	\$ 6.73
Totals	\$ 21,487,824.00	\$ 22,305,761.00	\$ 817,937.00	3.807%		

Where the Money Comes From...



- Local Assessment 58.55%
- State Subsidy 36.41%
- Balance Forward 4.11%
- Non-Tax Revenues .83%
- Adult Ed Non-Tax Revenue .1%

Where the Money Goes...



- Salaries 55.96%
- Debt 6.96%
- Energy 4.55%
- Other Expenses .35%
- Adult Ed. 1.05%
- Benefits 17.85%
- Services 7.62%
- Supplies 2.83%
- Equipment 2.83%

Total Budget*

8 Year History

2007-08 through Proposed 2014-15

**Includes Adult Education*

Fiscal Year	Budget	% Increase
2007-08	\$ 34,395,200	
2008-09	\$ 34,098,775	(0.862)
2009-10	\$ 34,214,500	0.339
2010-11	\$ 34,022,645	(0.561)
2011-12	\$ 35,000,000	2.873
2012-13	\$ 35,943,101	2.695
2013-14	\$ 36,286,550	0.956
2014-15 Proposed	\$ 38,103,873	5.008

Average Annual % Increase = 1.49%

Description of Programs Included within Articles 1-11

Article 1	Regular Instruction Regular Instruction Programs K-2 Instruction Programs <u>Other Instructional Programs</u> Alternative Education English as a Second Language Gifted & Talented
Article 2	Special Education Instruction Special Education Programs and Administration
Article 3	Career & Technical Education Instruction Career & Technical Education Student Support Services Career & Technical Education Instruction** **includes tuition and/or assessments paid to Centers and/or Regions
Article 4	Other Instruction Co-curricular Extra-curricular <u>Other Instructional Programs</u> Summer School Post Secondary Enrollment NJROTC
Article 5	Student & Staff Support <u>Student Support:</u> Guidance Services Health Services Instructional Technology Other Student Support Services <u>Staff Support:</u> Improvement of Instruction Instructional Staff Training Library Services Student Assessment Curriculum
Article 6	System Administration - Office of the Superintendent of Schools
Article 7	School Administration - Office of the Principals
Article 8	Transportation & Buses (including bus/van leases)
Article 9	Facilities Maintenance <u>Operation & Maintenance of Plant</u> Maintenance/Custodial Capital Enhancement & Improvement Capital Renewal & Renovation
Article 10	Debt Service & Other Commitments Debt Service Payments
Article 11	All Other Expenditures including School Lunch School Nutrition (local support) Non Public School Services Community Service

**WARRANT TO CALL REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 57
BUDGET MEETING
(20-A M.R.S. §1485)**

TO: Mary-Jo Burcham, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 57 composed of the Towns of Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of each of the municipalities within Regional School Unit No. 57, namely, the Towns of Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro, that the Regional School Unit Budget Meeting will be held at the Massabesic Middle School, 134 Old Alfred Road, East Waterboro, Maine at 7:00 P.M. on May 20, 2014 for the purpose of determining the Budget Meeting articles set forth below.

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

**ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST
CENTER CATEGORIES**

- ARTICLE 1:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$13,889,047** for Regular Instruction?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$13,889,047)
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$6,189,116** for Special Education?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$6,189,116)
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$67,600** for Career and Technical Education?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$67,600)
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$842,728** for Other Instruction?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$842,728)
- ARTICLE 5:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$3,214,837** for Student and Staff Support?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$3,214,837)
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$845,841** for System Administration?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$845,841)
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$2,272,611** for School Administration?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$2,272,611)

ARTICLE 8: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$3,311,898** for Transportation and Buses?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$3,311,898)

ARTICLE 9: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$4,737,144** for Facilities Maintenance?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$4,737,144)

ARTICLE 10: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$2,197,808** for Debt Service and Other Commitments?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$2,197,808)

ARTICLE 11: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 be authorized to expend **\$135,000** for All Other Expenditures?
(The Board of Directors recommends \$135,000)

**ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 12: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 appropriate **\$33,189,712.34** for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall Regional School Unit No. 57 raise **\$19,414,601** and assess the amounts set forth below 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 20-A, section 15688?

<u>Total Appropriated by Town</u>		<u>Total raised by Town (District assessments)</u>	
Town of Alfred:	\$3,574,532.02	Town of Alfred:	\$2,125,899
Town of Limerick:	\$4,805,870.35	Town of Limerick:	\$2,533,605
Town of Lyman:	\$5,974,148.22	Town of Lyman:	\$3,568,404
Town of Newfield:	\$1,835,391.10	Town of Newfield:	\$1,475,510
Town of Shapleigh:	\$3,607,721.73	Town of Shapleigh:	\$2,991,790
Town of Waterboro:	\$13,392,048.92	Town of Waterboro:	\$6,719,393
Total Appropriated	\$33,189,712.34	Total Raised:	\$19,414,601

(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

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: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 raise and appropriate **\$74,920.00** for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by Regional School Unit No. 57 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?

(The Board of Directors recommends \$74,920.00)

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 approved by the voters of the Regional School Unit as follows:

Massabesic Middle School – Approved by voters in 2003

ARTICLE 14: (Written ballot required). Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 raise and appropriate **\$2,621,997** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,757,030** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board?

(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

The School Board recommends **\$2,621,997** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,757,030**: This amount is needed to cover costs of District schools that the state's funding model does not recognize including the following: 1) costs of increases in health insurance, 2) costs of special education programming, 3) costs of career and technical education, 4) transportation costs, 5) costs of student and staff support.

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: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 authorize the Board of School Directors to expend **\$37,703,630** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 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?

(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

**ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND
RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 16: To see if Regional School Unit No. 57 will appropriate the sum of **\$400,243** for the **MASSABESIC CENTER FOR ADULT LEARNING** and raise the sum of **\$194,243** as the local share for the year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the Adult Education Program.
(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote).

**ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER
RECEIPTS**

ARTICLE 17: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized 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 purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?
(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote).

**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM
THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

ARTICLE 18: Shall Regional School Unit No. 57 authorize the Board of Directors to transfer **\$500,000** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund, and to authorize the Board of Directors, upon a two-thirds majority vote, to expend amounts available from the Capital Reserve Fund for capital improvements or emergency repairs to district facilities and equipment?
(The Board of Directors recommends a Yes vote.)

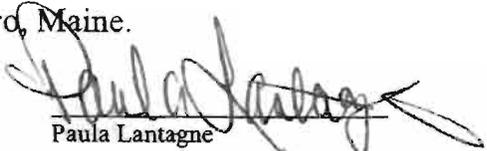
Given under our hand this day, April 30, 2014 at Waterboro, Maine.



Kristen DalPra



Craig Parker



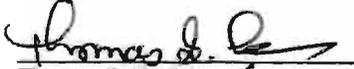
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Bryan Carpenter

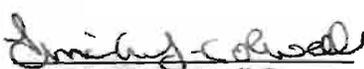
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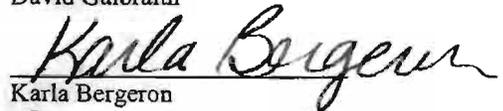
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Tina Crowley-Colwell



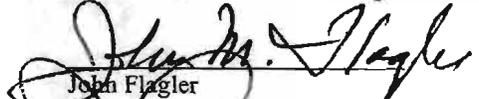
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Bruce Woodward



Heather Silva

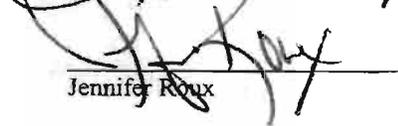


John Flagler



Dominic Vermette

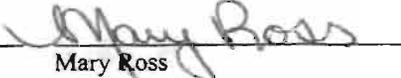
Ryan Durfee



Jennifer Roux



Donald Beane



Mary Ross

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 57

A true copy of the Warrant, attest:



Mary-Jo Burcham, Resident
Regional School Unit No. 57

RETURN

York County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Regional School Unit No. 57

I certify that I have notified the voters of Regional School Unit No. 57 of the time and place of the Regional School Unit budget meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant as follows:

	TIME(S)	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)
Town of Alfred	9:06	5/1/14	Town office (2)
	10:15	5/1/14	General Store
Town of Limerick	11:59	5/1/14	Town office
	12:04 12:10	5/1/14	Limerick Supermarket Limerick PO
Town of Lyman	10:37	5/1/14	Jackson Car Store
	10:46	5/1/14	Goodwins Mills Store
Town of Newfield	12:26	5/1/14	Town office
	1:06	5/1/14	W. Newfield P.O.
	1:17	5/1/14	Town office Newfield PO
Town of Shapleigh	12:37	5/1/14	Shap P.O.
	12:41	5/1/14	Boonies
	5:00	5/1/14	Town office
Town of Waterboro	9:55	5/1/14	Waterboro PO
	11:17	5/1/14	Town office
	9:30	5/2/14	No Waterboro PO

being at least seven days prior to the Regional School Unit budget meeting and being public and conspicuous places in each of said municipalities.

Dated: 5/1, 2014

Mary Jo Burcham
 Mary-Jo Burcham, Resident of
 Regional School Unit No. 57

Alfred Lisa L. Cook
 Limerick Debra Tibbets
 Newfield Justina Redin
 Lyman Pauline F. Weiss
 Shapleigh Joanne Rankin
 Waterboro Yvette Murray