



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a special meeting on February 27, 2019 at the Burton Cross State Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Wilson Hess; Vice Chair Jane Sexton; Wendy Ault; John Bird; Fern Desjardins; Liberty Ladd; and Jana Lapoint.

Excused: Martha Harris and Jaylee Rice

Vacant: Two Members

Others Present: Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair, Wilson Hess called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by student member, Liberty Ladd: The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the agenda as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDED FUNDING LEVELS FOR FY 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 20-A §15689-C

Pursuant to the provisions of 20-A M.R.S.A., Section §15689-C, the Commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall certify to the Governor and

the Bureau of the Budget recommended funding levels for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade twelve. The funding levels recommended herein were developed based on proposed amendments to the Essential Programs and Service Funding Act, 20-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 606-B.

RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the following motion:

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted those present to ratify the certified funding level for FY 2020 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade twelve (including total operating allocation, total debt service allocation, and total adjustments and miscellaneous costs) at \$2,515,886,969, a local contribution amount of \$1,128,145,201 and a state contribution amount of \$1,160,733,317 to be distributed as General Purpose Aid for Local Schools. These amounts shall be distributed per the parameters of the Essential Programs & Services Funding Act, 20-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 606-B, as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary Becker at the end of this meeting.
- The next regular monthly Board meeting will be held at the Cross State Office Building in Augusta on March 13, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

The February 27, 2019 State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.