

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes

(NOTE: These Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Directors. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the June 11, 2014 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Brown, Candace Decsipkes, Nelson Larkins, Naomi Ledbetter, John Morang, Peter Murray, Beth Parker, Brian Pike, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: (1) To approve the minutes of April 30, 2014 and May 7, 2014 with a correction to the May 7, 2014 minutes under item 5 to read as follows: "The Board took a straw vote on placing the tractor and the tennis courts in the 2015-2016 Capital Budget." (Murray – Morang) (11 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of item 16. A. 3.

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Student Government: Maya Pierce and Cassie Parker reported on the following happenings at Freeport High School: Senior Project presentations will be held June 2-5; AP exams were last week; A third quarter student recognition assembly was held; Student Council and Student Government elections; Prom is May 31st; and Model UN.
- B. Mast Landing Grade 4 Odyssey of the Mind State Championship Recognition – Students were recognized for winning the State Championship. Students explained what their project was and how they.
- C. Meridian Stories – Freeport Middle School students were recognized for their success in the Meridian Stories competition. The 8th grade team created a movie trailer and the 7th grade team's theme was food waste.
- D. Freeport Middle School Student/Teacher Update: Maya Egan and Ben Berry explained how they created chapters using an iBook for the 8th grade Dirty Thirties project.

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS:

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Marie Gunning of Freeport asked about actual spending in past years, transfers and capital budget.

10. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. VOTED: (2)** To adopt Budget FY'15 (Murray - Parker) (9 – 2 Brown, Ledbetter)

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. VOTED: (3)** That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for May 28, 2014 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.
(Murray - Parker) (11 – 0)
- B. VOTED: (4)** That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 10, 2014 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. (Morang - Parker) (11 – 0)
- C. VOTED: (5)** That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 28, 2014, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 10, 2014 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum. (Ritcheson - Parker) (11 – 0)
- D. VOTED: (6)** Consideration of action that pursuant to section 1485(4) of Title 20-A, the Finance Committee be authorized to transfer not more than 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center in the FY15 operating budget to another cost center or among other cost centers, provided that the total FY15 fiscal year operating budget shall not be increased by such transfers.
(Ritcheson - Ledbetter) (11 – 0)
- E. 1.VOTED: (7)** To accept the nomination of the following personnel and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue contracts for the 2014-2015 school year.
(Pike – Brown) (11 - 0)

Educators for 2nd Year Probationary Contacts:

Jacqueline Arellano
Alejandra Rodriguez
Laura Hankins
Sarah Duffy
Paige Fournier
Amanda Lowe
Amy Sellers
Erin Taylor

Aja Darak
Timothy Grivois
Marcia Wood
Kierston Donovan
Brooke Rich

- E. 2.VOTED: (8)** To accept the nomination of the following personnel and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue contracts for the 2014-2015 school year.
(Pike – Brown) (11 - 0)

Educators for 3rd Year Probationary Contracts:

Reagan Bakelaar
Nicholas Lyons
Ashley Shoukimas
Nathan Garnett
Kim Cowperthwaite
John Stivers
Heather Perry
Michelle Leavitt
Lillian Stiles
Jennifer Dowdy
Bill Ridge
Gayle Wolotsky
Allison Edwards
Sarah Templeton
Darren Carter
Margarete Schnauck
Jona Chase
Sarah Burtchell
Michelle Shaw
Melissa Cousins

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. RSU No. 5 Financial Statement May 8, 2014

14. COMMUNICATIONS (Consent Agenda):

- A. 1st Read on the Comprehensive Education Plan

15. BOARD COMMENTS (Reports from Sub-Committees):

- A. Region Ten Technical High School Cooperative Board – No report given.
- B. Withdrawal Working Group – Michelle Ritcheson reported the group met last week with the Freeport Withdrawal Committee. The public meeting was held Monday night. There were good conversations about what direction the public wants the working group to go in. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2014

16. PERSONNEL:

A. Staff Hires:

1. **VOTED: (9)** To employ Hiram Sibley as Assistant Principal/Co-Curricular Director at Durham Community School for the 2014-2015 school year. (Parker – Ledbetter) (11 – 0)
2. **VOTED: (10)** To employ Brian Campbell as Principal at Freeport High School for the 2014-2015 school year. (Parker – Brown) (11 – 0)
3. **VOTED: (11)** To employ Colleen Withers as Grade 7/8 Science Teacher at Durham Community School for the 2014-2015 school year. (Ritcheson – Parker) (11 – 0)

B. Staff Resignations:

1. Kathleen Jones – FHS English Teacher
2. Jane Ross – FHS/FMS Gifted and Talented Teacher

17. POLICY REVIEW:

A. Policy Packet 14-6 was distributed.

B. 1st Read on the Following Policies: Packet 14-7

1. IKE – Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students
2. IKF – Graduation Requirements
3. JJIA – Private School Students – Access to Public School Co-Curricular, Interscholastic and Extra-Curricular Activities
4. JJIAA-E1 – Private School Student Application for Participation in RSU5 Co-Curricular Activities
5. JJIAA-E2 – Private School Student Application for Participation in RSU5 Extra-Curricular Activities
6. JJIAA-E3 – Verification of Private School Student Eligibility for Participation in RSU5 Co-Curricular Activities
7. JJIAA-E4 – Verification of Private School Student Eligibility for Participation in RSU5 Extra-Curricular Activities

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

20. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (12) To adjourn at 7:30 p.m. (Parker – Brown) (11 – 0).


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Superintendent of Schools