

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. A Dine and Discuss was held

(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 May 14, 2014 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candace Decsipkes,

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- 5. WORKSHOP:** Budget FY'15 - Finance Director Kelly Wentworth reported that at the April 9th Board meeting Dennis Ouellette reported on the movement of a tractor purchase in Capital Budget FY'15 to FY'16 in order to do the repairs to the Tennis Courts in FY'15. Kelly also reported out on two new budget handouts. The first handout is a summary of budget changes since March 25th that include increases to the follow: Region 10 Technical School; health insurance; wages and NWEA Testing. The second sheet was a revised budget impact sheet that included the changes on the ED279 and adjustments. Principal Bob Strong reported that the .16 English position that was added to the budget is no longer needed, a savings of \$12,261.

Board members asked questions about the following items: tennis courts; NWEA testing; professional development; and Administrator priorities.

The Board took a straw vote on placing the tractor and the tennis courts in the 2015-2016 Capital Budget, a reduction of \$24,000. The results of the straw vote did not show support for doing this.

The Board will vote on the budget at their May 14, 2014 meeting.

Public Comments on the Budget:

Alex Abbott a Freeport resident requested the tennis courts be repaired now.

Marie Gunning a Freeport resident stated the budget needs additions not cuts.

Marie Wentz a Pownal resident asked a question about fixed costs in the budget.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (1) To adjourn at 7:55 p.m. (Parker – Murray) (10 – 0).


Shannon L. Welsh, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools