

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Library
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 March 26, 2014 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Brown, Candace Decsipkes, Nelson Larkins, Naomi Ledbetter, John Morang, Peter Murray (arrived at 6:36 p.m.), Beth Parker, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Ricker

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Items 6.A, 6.B., 7.B. will be held until a future meeting due to forecasted weather conditions for this evening.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Withdrawal Update - There have been on-going meetings of the Working Group and a joint meeting with the Freeport Withdrawal Committee. These will continue and additional updates will be provided at the next Board meeting.
- B. Parent Group Budget Meetings Update - The Superintendent has been meeting with parent groups from our schools. The information gained from these meetings will be incorporated into the FY15 budget presentation at the end of March.

6. WORKSHOP:

- A. Transition to a Proficiency-Based Diploma – Grades 9-12
- B. State of the Schools Overview

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion on Superintendent Search – The Board decided to use the following criteria to hire an interim superintendent for 2014-2015: experience as a superintendent; commitment to a full year position; and recent interim or active work as a superintendent. Maine School Management keeps an updated list of candidates interested in interim positions. The Superintendent, Chair and Vice-Chair will discuss with Maine School Management viable candidates and develop a list of people to interview. The Board will interview candidates to determine the top candidate. The Chair and Vice-Chair will then negotiate a contract within parameters set by the Board.
- B. Action on a location for the May 28, 2014 Annual Budget Meeting

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. VOTED: (1)** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Principal contracts for RSU No. 5
(VanNostrand – Murray) (10 – 0)

Time In: 7:10 p.m. Time Out: 9:40 p.m.

9. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. VOTED: (2)** To authorize the Superintendent to issue contracts to administrators as discussed in Executive Session. (Ledbetter – Steverlynck) (10 – 0)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- VOTED: (3)** To adjourn at 9:40 p.m. (Brown – Murray) (10 – 0).



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Superintendent of Schools