

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2013 – 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 November 20, 2013 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Brown (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Candace Decsipkes, Nelson Larkins, Naomi Ledbetter, John Morang, Beth Parker, John Ricker, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Murray

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- A. VOTED: (1)** To approve the Minutes of September 25, 2013, October 2, 2013, October 9, 2013 and October 16, 2013. (Ritcheson – Parker) (9 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Item 12. B. will be moved to 6. D.

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Student Government – No report
- B. Morse Street School Dad's Program – Carol Southall from TARP noted the goal of the program is to have a male presence in the classrooms and on the playground by having a father figure volunteer. Carol updated the Board on other TARP programs.
- C. Morse Street School Student/Teacher Update – Teachers Meg Albright, Beth Markelon and Rachel Domin spoke about the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support initiative that has been in the works for two years at the school.
- D. VOTED: (2)** That the vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize the Richard P. Allen Scholarship Fund," be approved in form presented to this meeting, and that the Secretary file an attested copy of said vote with the minutes of this meeting. (Ledbetter – Morang) (10 – 0)

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS: OPENING OF SCHOOL

- A. Curriculum Director Joe Makley spoke of the work of the curriculum office including such items as: Teachers College Writing Workshop; cross-curricular standards for work and college readiness; scientific practices being used at the middle level; Wellness and PE standards being refined; and the summer institute.
- B. Athletic Director Craig Sickels spoke about the fall sports season including participation numbers and post season success. All fall teams qualified for post-season play. Sports awards are coming up next week.

- C. Director of Instructional Support Lisa Garneau reported on enrollments and new programs throughout the district including Choices, Bridges and Functional Life Skills. Special Education enrollment is at 303 students (16%) and ESL has 27 students.
- D. Director of Adult, Recreation and Community Education Mike Myers reviewed recreation programs for both students and adults that are run through his department. The Laugh & Learn program has a total of 157 students. Currently 7 GED students are enrolled. The Teen Center has between 10-20 students a day.
- E. School Nutrition Director Judy Goodnow reported participation is picking up. We are at 23% for free/reduced. A full Federal review will take place in April. New regulations for chemicals are due in December. Durham and Pownal received the Certificate of Excellence Healthy US Challenge last year.
- F. FHS Visioning Process - Principal Bob Strong reported the high school has made significant progress, changes and adjustments since the consolidation. Have added numerous programs and increased staffing. These changes have been primarily through administration, faculty and leadership teams. The goal is to start the formal visioning process this winter after the renovation referendum is passed. Looking to bring together all stakeholders and create focus groups and creating surveys to look at what we need for our students and what we want for a high school going forward. As a result of recent Board and community discussions, this process will now also include consideration of the name of the high school.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Freeport High School Renovation: Superintendent Welsh reported information on the project can be found at rsu5.org along with the video of the October 16, 2013 public hearing. Another informational session is scheduled for October 28, 2013 in Durham. Voting will take place on November 5th.
- B. Board Goals Summary: Superintendent Welsh reviewed the two month process to get to this point beginning in August with the Board self-evaluation and then meeting with governance officials on October 9, 2013 to hear their comments and input. Goals focus on communication, FHS facility, financial and negotiations.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

10. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED: (3)** Consideration of action on Board Goals for 2013-2014 (Parker – Brown) (10 – 0)

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. RSU No. 5 Financial Statements October 17, 2013

14. COMMUNICATIONS (Consent Agenda):

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

- A. Finance – John Morang summarized the minutes from the meeting held on October 9, 2013. Highlights included a preview of the two different 3-5 year capital plans for a failed FHS referendum and one with a successful vote. There will be significant capital expenditures if the renovation bond is not approved. A meeting with CEA leadership, the Finance Committee and Ken Olmstead from Employee Benefits Management regarding health insurance coverage will take place.
- B. Strategic Communications – Candace Decsipkes summarized the minutes from the meeting held on October 3, 2013. Highlights included work on cross-curricular standards for work and college readiness,; 7/8 grade Writing Prompts; transition to standards bases system; three standards workshops with the Board will be held this year; and three Dine and Discuss sessions will also be held this year.

16. PERSONNEL:

17. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. Policy Packet 14-2 was distributed for review with plans for 1st Read on November 20, 2013 and 2nd Read/Final Adoption on December 11, 2013.
- B. 1st Read on the Following Policies: Packet 14-1
 - A. AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
 - B. ACA – Gender Neutral Language
 - C. ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
 - D. ACAA-R – Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
 - E. ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
 - F. ACAB-R – Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
 - G. ACAD – Hazing
 - H. AD – Educational Mission and Vision
 - I. ADA – School System Goals and Objectives
 - J. ADAA – School System Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior
 - K. ADC – Tobacco Use and Possession
 - L. ADF – School District Commitment to Learning Results
 - M. AEC – Accountability – Reporting to the Public
 - N. IJNDB – Student Computer and Internet Use and Internet Safety
 - O. IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use and Internet Safety Rules
 - P. IJNDB-E – Student Computer and Internet Use and Internet Safety Acknowledgment Form
 - Q. JHCA – Open/Closed Campus
 - R. JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students
 - S. JIH-R – Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative Procedure

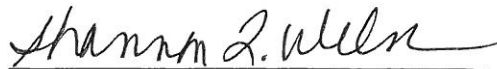
18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Teacher and Support Staff Negotiations for RSU No. 5 was not held

19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

20. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (3) To adjourn at 8:46 p.m. (Ledbetter – Morang) (10 – 0).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shannon L. Welsh", written over a horizontal line.

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

October 23, 2013

Motion: I Naomi Ledbetter move that the vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize the Richard P. Allen Scholarship Fund," be approved in form presented to this meeting, and that the Secretary file an attested copy of said vote with the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE RICHARD P. ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Be it hereby VOTED, as follows:

1. That the Board of Directors of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Board") accept the Richard P. Allen Scholarship Fund (the "Scholarship"), which has been established to provide scholarships for Freeport High School graduating men and women whose four high school years demonstrate a consistent pattern of scholastic achievement, extracurricular determination, and school/community citizenship.
2. That the Board accept the Scholarship pursuant to Title 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1256, which provides that the Board may accept and receive money, outright or in trust, for any specified benevolent or educational purpose.
3. That the Superintendent of Schools of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Superintendent") be and hereby is authorized in the name and on behalf of the Board to execute the Scholarship Fund Agreement in form acceptable to the Superintendent of Schools and the District's legal counsel.
4. That the Superintendent be and hereby is further authorized in the name and on behalf of the Board to notify the Scholarship donors of the Board's vote.

Motion Seconded: I John Morang second the motion to approve the Vote to Authorize the Richard P. Allen Scholarship Fund.

Vote: Adopted by affirmative vote of 10 Board members.

A true copy, attest:


Shannon L. Welsh, Ed.D., Secretary

Note: File attested copy with minutes of meeting