

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.
Pownal Elementary School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. A Social Gathering 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 October 23, 2013 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

5. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

- A. Pownal Update – First grade teacher Jamie Palmer spoke of the experience the K-2 team has had working with Nancy Chesley. The school is piloting Nancy's science lessons that are focused around Next Generation Science Standards.

6. WORKSHOP:

- A. Energy Efficiencies and Capital Planning - Dennis Ouellette, Facilities and Transportation Director reviewed Capital Budget projects completed in 2013 including: purchase of a handicapped equipped bus; maintenance truck and sander; Pownal and Morse Street carpeting; Morse Street and Middle School roofs; trim work at Pownal; Mast Landing playground; construction of Middle School Choices and Life Skills rooms; wall repair at Pownal; and basement and wall repairs at central office. The district has seen a savings due to energy efficiencies from the conversion to natural gas. The total cost avoidance 2010-2013 is \$464,514.

Dennis Ouellette also reviewed the 2014-2015 anticipated Capital Budget. Each year Facilities Committee members tour the schools and review requests from the Principals to rebuild the Five Year Capital Plan and reprioritize. Items for 2014-2015 were discussed both if the FHS Renovation Referendum passes and if it fails.

- B. Durham, Freeport, Pownal Municipal Leadership - Selectmen/Town Council and Budget Advisory members from our three towns were invited to the meeting with a goal of increasing communication and building relationships. Those in attendance broke out into small groups to discuss their thoughts, questions or concerns about topics of importance to the three towns and the RSU. Board members reported out on conversations in each group. Topics of discussion included: the FHS renovation bond; issues of the RSU and benefits of the RSU; rotating Board meetings between the three communities; changing the name of Freeport High School; the importance of communication; explaining numbers to town

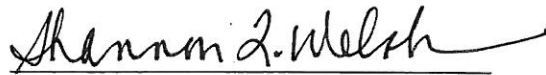
leadership; representation of Board votes by Town; Freeport withdrawal; and how does the RSU become a community.

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. VOTED: (1)** That in the event the base Freeport High School Renovation Project and/or Bond Upgrade are approved by the voters in the November 5, 2013 Referendum, the Superintendent is directed to take no action on the project(s) until authorized to do so by the Board. (Brown – Parker) (11 – 0).

8. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (2) To adjourn at 9:20 p.m. (Murray – Parker) (11 – 0).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shannon L. Welsh", with a horizontal line underneath.

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