

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2013 – 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 September 25, 2013 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Brown, Candace Decsipkes, Brenda Kielty (left at 8:36 p.m.), Nelson Larkins, Peter Murray, Beth Parker (arrived at 6:36 p.m.), Michelle Ritcheson, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Morang, John Ricker

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- A. VOTED: (1)** To approve the Minutes of May 15, 2013 and May 22, 2013
(Murray – VanNostrand) (7 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

12. C. School Calendar

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

- A. Recognition of Retirees – Retiring staff members were recognized for their many years of service to the students and communities of RSU5, they are: Andrea Conner, Beth Paterson, Carol Taylor, Christine Carter and Peter Tilton
- B. Freeport Middle School Musical – Principal Ray Grogan explained the middle school musical is run by Freeport High School students. This year FHS students Colton Reaves and Riley Werner directed the musical, Disney's The Little Mermaid, Jr. Cast members expressed their appreciation to the high school students involved with the musical.
- C. Odyssey of the Mind – The Freeport Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team advanced to the Nationals and attended the competition at Michigan State University. Students expressed it was a wonderful experience and bonded with teams from other countries. The team thanked their two parent volunteers Beth Parker and Brett Pierce.

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS:

- A. Safety Committee Update – Officer McManus reported on the work of the RSU5 Safety Committee including: meetings held this year; code red drills; code yellow drills; committee recommendations; and that safety is an ongoing process and the committee will continue to meet next year.
- B. MLTI Update – Technology Director Seth Thompson reported the decision has been made to move grades 6-12 to the iPad.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Budget FY14 – Superintendent Welsh reported the school budget for 2013-2014 has passed by a vote of 2,414 in favor and 1,716 against. The additional money added to the budget will go for the half-time Assistant Principal position at Freeport Middle School. Superintendent Welsh thanked the voters for their support.

B. FHS Renovation – Superintendent Welsh reported the Freeport High School renovations vote did not pass with a vote of 2,028 in favor and 2,202 against. The Facilities Committee did an exceptional job getting information out; they did everything they could.

The Board members discussed what the next steps should be in regards to the renovations.

VOTED: (2) To authorize the Superintendent, Chair and Vice Chair to work with the Architect, pollsters, the Facilities Advisory Committee and other advisors to put together a poll, at a cap of \$5,000, and report out at the first September meeting with options. (Murray – Parker) (8 – 0)

C. District Overview – Superintendent Welsh reported out on a document that has been created to recognize many of the accomplishments achieved by students and staff within the RSU. The document will be posted on the RSU5 website.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laurie Poissonnier, Durham resident asked for people not to take Durham's no vote as a vote against education, it was the tax impact. A building doesn't make a good education, the staff does.

Susan Karnes, Durham resident asked the Board to move forward with modifications to the renovation plan.

Kevin Nadeau, Durham resident stated it is tempting to lash out at a town over the rejection of the FHS renovations vote. Kevin also mentioned budget documents should have a note of explanation; people just see the numbers and think it is unfair.

Joe Migliaccio, Freeport resident doesn't think the Board should split up the project into two questions. Also, people need to know what a no vote means.

John Egan, Freeport resident spoke of his frustration with the renovation vote and asked that the Board keep moving forward with renovations to the High School, don't give up.

Kristen Dorsey, Freeport resident doesn't feel the project should be split into two questions. Citizens didn't attend meetings and were not informed.

Emily Carter, Freeport resident would like to hear the reasons why people voted no. Doing a poll is a waste of money.

Jen Maneikis, Freeport resident stated she believe the renovation project will pass if the fields are split out. People are also talking about pulling out of the RSU.

Lindsay Sterling, Freeport resident stated she supports the Board conducting a poll and that they should go back out in November with fields separated out. We need to pull together; all three towns care about their kids.

10. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS (to take effect July 1, 2013)

A. **VOTED: (3)** To appoint Nelson Larkins as Chairperson for RSU No. 5 Board of Directors. (Parker – Murray) (8 – 0)

B. VOTED: (4) To appoint Kate Brown as Vice-Chairperson for RSU No. 5 Board of Directors.
(Parker – Decsipkes) (8 – 0)

C. VOTED: (5) To add, delete, or consolidate committees and make annual appointments.

1. Negotiations (Professional) – Larkins, Murray, Parker
Negotiations (Support) – Decsipkes, Ricker
2. Policy – Decsipkes, Murray, VanNostrand
3. Strategic Communications Committee - Brown, Decsipkes, Murray
4. Finance - Brown, Morang, Ricker
5. RSU5 Student Aspirations - Ritcheson
6. RSU5 Adult, Recreation and Community Education Advisory Committee - Parker
7. Maine Region 10 Technical High School – Morang, VanNostrand
8. Dropout Prevention Committee –Keilty
9. Stipend Review Committee – Larkins, Ricker
10. Cable TV Board & Technology Committee - Murray
11. Freeport Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee - Parker
12. Facilities Committee – Morang, VanNostrand
13. MSMA Legislative Contact - Kielty
14. Safety Committee – Ritcheson, VanNostrand
15. Wellness Committee - Murray
16. IASA Including: Chapter II & NCLB/Drug Free Schools Title IV – Ritcheson
17. School Attorney – Drummond Woodsum
18. School Physician – Julia Lockwood

(Parker – Murray) (8 – 0)

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. VOTED: (6)** That the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the Budget Validation Referendum dated and attached hereto be and is hereby approved. (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)
- B. VOTED: (7)** That the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the Budget Validation Referendum be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”). (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)
- C. VOTED: (8)** That a Certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the Budget Validation Referendum be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit. (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)
- D. VOTED: (9)** That the Assessment Warrant and the Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments prepared by the Treasurer for each member municipality of this Regional School Unit for fiscal year 2013-2014 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Assessment Warrant and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments.
(Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)

- E. VOTED: (10)** That the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the issuance of bonds or notes of the RSU for a school construction project dated and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved. (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)
- F. VOTED: (11)** That the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the issuance of bonds or notes of the RSU for a school construction project be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”). (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)
- G. VOTED: (12)** That a Certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the issuance of bonds or notes for a school construction project be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit. (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. VOTED: (13)** To adopt the revised Strategic Framework and Cross-Curricular Standards for Work and College Readiness. (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)
- B. VOTED: (14)** To adopt the revised RSU5 Professional Growth and Evaluation System. (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)
- C. VOTED: (15)** To revise the 2013-2014 School Calendar by moving the January 3, 2014 Professional Learning Day to August 27, 2013. (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. RSU No. 5 Financial Statements June 5, 2013

14. COMMUNICATIONS (Consent Agenda):

- A. 2013-2014 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
- B. 2nd Read/Adoption of the Comprehensive Education Plan

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

- A. Finance – Kate Brown reported the committee met on May 8th. The committee reviewed the revised budget impact sheet that reflected the additions made at the May 1st Board meeting. The DOE made revisions to the ED279 that resulted in a decrease in our state subsidy by \$154,601 from the initial estimate and reported the expected full value impact of State Retirement to be \$268,750.67. The committee also reviewed the 2013/2014 warrant and meeting schedules.
- B. Policy – Superintendent Welsh reported the committee met to consider changes from Maine School Management Association (MSMA) to Policy JIH Questioning and Searches of Students. The Freeport Police Department may obtain a police dog and committee members discussed the possible use of a police dog in bomb or drug searches, for example. JIH will be added to the first policy packet in September.

- C. Strategic Communications – Candace Decsipkes reported the committee met on May 30th. The committee discussed the three Dine and Discuss sessions held in each of the towns. It was decided this format provided more opportunity for discussion than the previous format of a single large event, so it should continue next year. Also, more opportunities should be sought to engage the public on school issues.

The committee reviewed changes to the Strategic Framework. Joe Makley, Curriculum Director provided status reports on two pilot projects: Work and College Readiness and Writing Prompt at grades 7 and 8.

16. PERSONNEL:

A. Staff Hires:

1. **VOTED: (16)** To appoint Amy Sellers to the position of Social Worker for the 2013-2014 school year. (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)
2. **VOTED: (17)** To appoint Amanda Lowe to the position of Special Education Teacher at Mast Landing School for the 2013-2014 school year. (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)
3. **VOTED: (18)** To appoint Paige Fournier to the position of Special Education Teacher at Freeport Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year. (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)
4. **VOTED: (19)** To appoint Heather Zachau to the position of .8 Classroom Teacher (one year position) at Mast Landing School for the 2013-2014 school year. (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)
5. **VOTED: (20)** To appoint Aja Darek to the position of Special Education Teacher at Mast Landing School for the 2013-2014 school year. (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)
6. **VOTED: (21)** To appoint Susan Martling to the position of .8 Literacy Interventionist at Mast Landing School for the 2013-2014 school year. (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)
7. **VOTED: (22)** To appoint Lisa Garneau to the position of Director of Instructional Support for the 2013-2014 school year. (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)
8. **VOTED: (23)** To appoint Erika Ouellette to the position of Assistant Director of Instructional Support for the 2013-2014 school year. (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)

17. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. VOTED: (24)** To adopt the Following Policies: Packet 13-7 (Parker – Murray) (7 – 0)

1. JKAA – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion
2. JKAA – Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

20. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (24) To adjourn at 9:29 p.m. (Parker – Brown) (7 – 0).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shannon L. Welsh", written in dark ink.

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