

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
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 May 22, 2013 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ruth Broene, Kathryn Brown, Candace Decsipkes, Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins, John Morang, Peter Murray, Beth Parker, John Ricker, Michelle Ritcheson, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- A. VOTED: (1)** To approve the Minutes of April 24, 2013 and May 1, 2013
(Morang – Parker) (11 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Student Council – Emily Sturtevant reported on the following: AP exams took place this week; senior projects begin next week with presentations on June 3rd; SAT's were administered Saturday; Academic Assembly last Friday; Cabaret is May 10th; Prom is May 31st; engineering competition last Friday; and Student Council elections will take place this month.
- B. Mast Landing School Teachers – Update – Lynn Shea and members of her class showcased the great learning going on at the school. The students explained about the High School Heroes newspaper they compiled by interviewing high school students. A video of the work was shown.

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS:

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

10. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- VOTED: (2)** To reduce contingency by \$150,000 and direct the Superintendent not to hire the Math Strategist and .5 Literacy Strategist/.5 Assistant Principal until directed by the Board.
(Murray – Morang) (5 – 6 Broene, Decsipkes, Kielty, Larkins, Ricker, Ritcheson). Motion Fails

A motion was made by Ritcheson, seconded by Decsipkes to reduce contingency by \$150,000.

A motion was made by Brown to amend the motion, no second

VOTED: (3) To amend the original motion to add the following directive – should retirement not be funded locally, the Board will fund the two positions from the retirement funds in contingency.

(4 – 7 Broene, Decsipkes, Kielty, Larkins, Ricker, Ritcheson, VanNostrand) Motion Fails

Original Motion - **VOTED: (4)** To reduce contingency by \$150,000.

(6 – 5 Brown, Murray, Morang, Parker, VanNostrand) Motion Passes

VOTED: (5) To add \$4,000 for One Acts and Musicals at Freeport High School.

(Parker – Morang) (10 – 1 Ricker)

VOTED: (6) To add a Math Strategist position to the budget.

(Brown – Murray) (6 – 5 Decsipkes, Kielty, Larkins, Ricker, Ritcheson). Motion Passes

VOTED: (7) To reduce contingency by \$70,000 and direct the Superintendent not to fill the Math Strategist position until directed to by the Board.

(Murray – Brown) (8 – 3 Kielty, Morang, Ricker). Motion Passes

VOTED: (8) To adopt the FY'14 Budget in the amount of \$25,810,311.

(Murray – Morang) (11 - 0)

Public Comments on the Budget:

Durham: Kevin Nadeau spoke about the funding of the retirements and the message going out to the public about adding positions.

Freeport: David Webster provided information about retirement funding.

David Watts asked about \$9,100 for music in the budget.

Gerry Kennedy stated he thinks the Board should keep the positions in the budget that were added last week.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED: (9)** That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for May 22, 2013 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

(Murray – Morang) (11 – 0)

- B. **VOTED: (10)** That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 11, 2013 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. (Murray – Morang) (11 – 0)

C. VOTED: (11) That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary

expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 22, 2013, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 11, 2013 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum. (Murray – Morang) (11 – 0)

D. VOTED: (12) That pursuant to section 1485(4) of Title 20-A, the Finance Committee be authorized to transfer not more than 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center in the FY14 operating budget to another cost center or among other cost centers, provided that the total FY14 fiscal year operating budget shall not be increased by such transfers. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0)

E. VOTED: (13) To authorize the Superintendent to hire professional staff during the summer months. (Brown – Parker) (11 – 0)

F. VOTED: (14) To approve a high school boy's hockey cooperative agreement with South Portland. (Morang – Murray) (11 – 0)

G. 1.VOTED: (15) To accept the nomination of the following personnel and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue contracts for the 2013-2014 school year.
(Morang – Murray) (10 – 0 Ricker did not vote)

Educators for 2nd Year Probationary Contracts:

Reagan Bakelaar
Nicholas Lyons
Nathan Garnett
Kim Cowperthwaite
Kellie Schimelman
John Stivers
Heather Perry
Michelle Leavitt
Kathleen Jones
Lillian Stiles
Jennifer Dowdy
Bill Ridge
Gayle Wolotsky
Jane Ross
Allison Edwards
Sarah Templeton
Darren Carter
Margarete Schnauck
Jona Chase
Sarah Burtchell
Michelle Shaw
Melissa Cousins

- G. 2.VOTED: (16)** To accept the nomination of the following personnel and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue contracts for the 2013-2014 school year.
(Morang – Parker) (10 – 0 Ricker did not vote)

Educators for 1st Year Continuing Contracts:

Stacy Alvarez
Molly Leding
Betsy Follansbee
Christopher Nolan
Lisa Blier
Sarah Croft
Rachel Domin
Alexis Rog
Kelly Ryder-Herzog
Dana Bisbee
Jamie Palmer
Ruth Dodge
Lynn Perrotta
Mary Porter
Jill Hooper

- H. VOTED: (17)** To approve an unpaid leave of absence for Meg Sparrow for the 2013-2014 school year. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0)

- I. VOTED: (18)** To authorize Morse Street School and Pownal Elementary School to submit a grant application to the Libra Foundation. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0)

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. RSU No. 5 Financial Statements April 25, 2013

14. COMMUNICATIONS (Consent Agenda):

- A. 1st Read on the Comprehensive Education Plan.

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

- A. Facilities Committee Update- Peter Murray reported the committee is actively reaching out to groups. If anyone would like the committee to present to a group, just visit the renovateFHS.org to contact the committee. May 15th is the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. at the FHS cafeteria

16. PERSONNEL:

- A. Staff Resignations:
1. Ike Heffron – Bus Driver/Custodian
 2. Dominic DePatsy – Director of Instructional Support
 3. Rachel Mills – Administrative Secretary

B. Staff Retirements:

1. Andrea Conner – Bookkeeping Clerk/Facility Use Coordinator
2. Deb Twomey – Special Education Teacher

17. POLICY REVIEW:

A. Policies Packet 13- 6 was distributed for policy book update.

B. 1st Read on the Following Policies: Packet 13-7

- A. JKAA – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion
- B. JKAA – Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. VOTED (19): To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing Director contracts for RSU No. 5. (Broene – Brown) (11 – 0)

Time In: 9:32 p.m.

Time Out: 10:12 p.m.

19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: (20) To authorize the Superintendent to issue Director contracts as discussed in Executive Session. (Broene – Ritcheson) (11 – 0)

20. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (21) To adjourn at 10:13 p.m. (Decsipkes – Ritcheson) (11 – 0).



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