

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 26, 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 April 24, 2013 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Blais, Candace Decsipkes, Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins, Peter Murray, Beth Parker, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ruth Broene, Kathryn Brown, John Morang, John Ricker

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

5. WORKSHOP: PRESENTATION OF RSU5 FY'14 BUDGET:

Superintendent Welsh presented the recommended 2013-2014 RSU5 budget to the Board and public. The purpose of this initial budget presentation is to educate the Board and public about what is contained in the recommended budget. The budget meeting schedule for the next two months was reviewed. The budget has been developed to help RSU5 realize the goal of educational excellence while demonstrating a greater efficiency in the use of our resources. Board budget priorities for FY'14 include the following: enrollments/instructional programs/student supports; professional development time and training; technology investment; and capital investments. There have been many pressures on the budget this year because of proposed reductions in state subsidy along with proposed state mandates and local educational needs.

Kelly Wentworth, Director of Finance reviewed the budget specifics and tax impact to each town. The recommended budget reflects a net increase of 2.58% (\$644,847) with the following anticipated impact to each community:

Durham – an increase of – \$343,593 or a mil rate increase of \$1.04 (7.81%)

Freeport – an increase of – \$355,664 or a mil rate increase of \$0.26 (1.69%)

Pownal – an increase of – \$161,820 or a mil rate increase of \$2.09 (6.20%)

It is important to note that the state assessed valuation of each of our three towns has changed and that has impacted our state subsidy. This would have changed what each town would pay for education regardless of whether we are a consolidated system or separate individual systems.

Continued budget deliberations will occur over the next two months ending May 22, 2013 with the three-town Annual Budget Meeting followed by a Budget Validation Referendum on June 11, 2013.

6. 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 a grievance (Blais – Parker) (7 – 0)

Time In: 7:55 p.m.

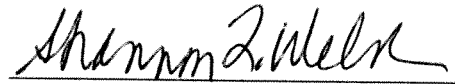
Time Out: 8:50 p.m.

7. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: (2) To deny the grievance and direct the Superintendent to issue findings to the CEA based upon discussion by the Board and to instruct administration to work to clarify and attempt to find an equitable solution. (Murray – Parker) (7 – 0)

8. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (3) To adjourn at 8:54 p.m. (Decsipkes – Murray) (7 – 0).

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

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