

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, January 9, 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 January 23, 2013 meeting).

**CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jane Blais, Kathryn Brown, Candace Decsipkes, Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins, John Morang, Peter Murray, Beth Parker, John Ricker, Karin VanNostrand

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ruth Broene

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- A. State Subsidy Curtailment – Kelly Wentworth, Director of Finance, reported that on December 27, 2012 Governor LePage announced a 12.58 million reduction in general purpose aid to schools for the current 2012-2013 school year. The anticipated impact to RSU5 is estimated at \$138,193. The Administrative Team met to consider all areas of the budget with the goal of saving positions and minimizing the impact to direct instruction of the students. Areas of true recognized savings such as tuition costs, assessment fees to Region Ten Technical School, and budgeted sporting teams that had low participation numbers and were not funded were considered first. The Team worked collaboratively to come up with the following areas of anticipated reductions and savings throughout the district:

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| Tuition/Assessment Savings           | \$33,000        |
| Contingency                          | \$10,093        |
| Books/Equipment/Postage/Supplies     | \$24,700        |
| Professional Services                | \$20,000        |
| Stipends/Game Officials/Dues & Fees  | \$13,400        |
| Capital Projects/Reserves            | \$10,000        |
| Curriculum Materials                 | <u>\$27,000</u> |
| Total Anticipated Reductions/Savings | \$138,193       |

**6. WORKSHOP:**

- A. FHS Conceptual Drawings and Budget/Committee Recommendation to the Board:

Michelle Broderick, a member of the Facilities Committee, started the presentation by providing a timeline of work of the Committee as follows: spring of 2011 the Board of Directors officially sanctioned the Committee; PDT Architects was hired for work on the Master Plan; Committee meets monthly during the 2011-2012 School Year; informational meetings were held in all three communities; June 2012 Master Plan presented to the Board; June, 2012 the Board appropriated money for the Concept Design phase; Committee met twice a month since September bringing us to tonight's presentation.

Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects, presented the Freeport High School Concept Design Report to the Board. The Master Plan has a built in growth of 650 students at 80% capacity and can go up to 780 working at 90%. The Plan identifies three major categories of deficiencies at the school:

Age – The original building, constructed in 1961, at 52 years old, needs upgrades, renovations and replacement of components that are simply worn out.

Overcrowding – The building is undersized for its current enrollment of 540 students and the building needs to be expanded to accommodate anticipated increased enrollment over the next ten years.

Site Plan Deficiencies - Traffic congestion and pedestrian conflicts exist at the site and athletic fields and facilities are insufficient to meet physical education and athletic programs.

The recommendations in the Master Plan are as follows: replace the poorly constructed Industrial Arts building in the northwest corner of the high school with a two-story, 31,000 square foot addition to allow for expanded classroom and programming needs to address overcrowding while improving vehicular circulation on the site; upgrade finishes to the classrooms, restrooms, and hallways in the 1961 building; provide a new vestibule with state-of-the-art security elements at the existing front entrance; renovate and expand the administrative offices; upgrade the art, STEM, and computer science program classrooms and move them to the location of the existing library; relocate the library and adjacent learning lab to the location of the existing cafeteria and kitchen; construct a new kitchen, food court, and bus drop off in the lower level of the two story addition; build a track and all weather synthetic turf field at the location of the existing soccer field; expand the physical education/wellness classroom spaces adjacent to the gym and food court; upgrade the fiber optic network; replace aging building envelope components including a new insulated membrane roof and new energy efficient windows for the 1961 building; improve parent drop-off and expand visitor parking; design the two-story addition to carry the weight of a future third floor.

Student Committee Members Abby Gray and Travis Libsack reviewed the results from the student survey. Kim LaMarre, Committee Chair summarized what was presented this evening. The overall cost of the project is \$16,950.00 and the Committee recommends that the project be placed on a June 2013 ballot in the form of a single bond value.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT:

**VOTED:** (1) To adjourn at 8:09 p.m. (Blais – Parker) (10 – 0).



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Superintendent of Schools