

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 2012
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 9, 2012 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beth Parker

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

5. WORKSHOP: FY13 BUDGET REVIEW:

- A. The workshop provided time for the Board to deliberate items on the Administrator priority list, items community members have requested, any new proposals by Board members and the overall budget. After much deliberation Board members indicated support by straw poll for adding a Gifted and Talented Teacher (for one year only), reinstating the Speech Language teacher position, funding for the FHS Concept Drawings and communications, and reinstating .4 Literacy Strategist.

Director Dennis Ouellette reported the Freeport Town Council gave the go ahead on the proposal for RSU5 to maintain the Hunter Road fields. The cost will be added to the budget but will be offset with the revenue from the Town of Freeport.

Director Russell Packett reported the Town of Freeport will not be utilizing his department's services for scheduling of the Hunter Road fields. Mr. Packett also reported he will not know until May 15th if the Town will provide financial support for the Teen Center.

The Board will vote on the budget at their meeting on May 9, 2012.

Public comments on the Budget:

Durham: Kevin Nadeau spoke in support of retaining the Speech Language position.

Allan Purinton asked about the carryover commitment from Durham and reporting of the budget tax impact.

Susan Karnes spoke in support of retaining the Speech Language teacher position.

Kristin Nam spoke in favor of supporting the addition of a Gifted and Talented teacher

Freeport: Christopher Pope spoke in favor of adding a Life Skills component to the Freeport Middle School

Liza Moore spoke in favor of supporting the Teen Center

Kristin Bernhart spoke in favor of supporting the Teen Center

Kristen Dorsey spoke in favor of supporting the Teen Center

The following Freeport community members spoke in support of adding a one year Gifted and Talented teacher to the budget: Kate Werner, Jonas Werner, Libby Moore, Stephanie Paine, Mandy McPherson, Melody Sachs, Shari Broder, Bob Moore, Michelle Bosse, Kristen Dorsey

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED (1):** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the anticipated purpose of ratifying the Coastal Education Association Educators Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2011-2014. (Dube – Blais) (10 – 0)

Time In: 10:16 P.M.

Time Out: 10:39 P.M.

7. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Action

8. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (2) To adjourn at 10:40 p.m. (Blais – VanNostrand) (10 – 0).


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Superintendent of Schools