

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
Pownal Elementary 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 25, 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, Beth Parker, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Ricker

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

5. WORKSHOP: FY13 Budget Review:

- A. Kelly Wentworth, Director of Finance provided an overview of the budget to date. The budget was presented to the public on March 27th and March 28th. Two documents are available, the budget itself and a packet of more detailed information such as enrollments, priorities, reserve funds, tax impact to each town. The proposed budget has a net increase of 1.1% overall. The district will receive more state aid in the amount of \$329,609 and we will need to raise an additional \$225,532 locally to receive the additional state aid. Ms. Wentworth also noted all budget documents and videos of the meetings are online at www.rsu5.org

At the March 28th meeting the Board asked what priorities were not in the budget. Administrators met and developed a list of items. The Administrators confirmed that the schools can be run with the recommended budget, but could move more quickly with the following items, listed by priority: an additional professional “flex” day; leadership stipends; equipment; technology; literacy/instructional support; curriculum materials; intervention supports for students.

Board members asked questions regarding items on the priority list and next steps for the budget process. The Board will continue to listen to input from the public at the April 25th meeting in Durham and decided to add an additional meeting on May 2nd for the Board to consider all input and make decisions on the budget for the adoption at the May 9th meeting.

Public Comments on the Budget:

Durham: Lois Kilby-Chesley asked about the following budget items: MLTI contract expiration; science curriculum and kits; Special Education positions; elimination of breakfast program; Curriculum Development purchased professional line; MLS support salaries; Administrator’s salary percentage increases; location of the teacher salaries; attorney fees; and stipends.

Beth Daniels asked about the following budget items: decrease in teacher salary line at DCS; decrease in Ed Tech time; and Ed Tech decrease at PES.

Kevin Nedeau asked for clarification on moving money in and out of Local Entitlement and Maine Care

Freeport: David Smail spoke about the following budget items: contingency fund; and stipend increases for coaches.

Liza Moore spoke about the following budget items: Instructional Strategist positions; AP courses at FHS; and instructional materials.

Sally Martin asked about the following items: potential merit pay location in budget; and increased Administrative costs.

Pownal: Keri Les advocated for an earlier implementation of priority item #7 – Intervention Supports for Students.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 1st Read on the 2012-2013 calendar: Superintendent Welsh reported this is the same calendar presented at the last Board meeting. Due to coordination of calendars with SAD 75, Brunswick and Region 10 we will need to move the October 9th PLD day to Friday, October 5th. We can only have 5 days difference between calendars. Due to the potential impact of adding professional development time, 2nd Read/Adoption of the calendar will take place at the May 9th Board meeting.
- B. RSU5 Communications – Chair Larkins congratulated Candy on her reappointment to the Board. Chair Larkins also mentioned the Town of Freeport has started using a service called Mind Mixer to obtain input from community members on Town issues.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (1) To adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (Parker – Dube) (10 – 0).

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