

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 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 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 (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Eric Dube, Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins, John Morang, Peter Murray, John Ricker, Beth Parker, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

5. WORKSHOP: PRESENTATION OF RSU NO. 5 FY'13 BUDGET:

Superintendent Welsh presented the recommended 2012-2013 RSU No. 5 budget to the Board and public. The purpose of this initial budget presentation was to educate the Board and public about what was contained in the recommended budget. The budget has been developed to help RSU No. 5 realize the goal of educational excellence while demonstrating a greater efficiency in the use of our resources. Budget priorities for FY'13 include capital investments, technology investments, instructional programs/enrollments, curriculum materials, and time. Superintendent Welsh reviewed enrollments for each school and the tuition students projected for next year. Kelly Wentworth, Director of Finance reviewed the budget specifics and tax impact to each town. The recommended budget reflects a net increase of 1.1% (\$268,088) with the following anticipated impact to each community:

Durham – an increase of – \$118,020 or 3.79%
Freeport – an increase of – \$210,055 or 1.58%
Pownal – an increase of – \$63,539 or 3.81%

Continued budget deliberations will occur over the next two months ending May 23, 2012 with a three-town Annual Budget Meeting followed by a Budget Validation Referendum on June 12th. All citizens were asked to participate in the process.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (1) To adjourn at 7:45 p.m. (Blais – Dube) (11 – 0).


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