

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2012
Freeport High School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes

6:00-7:00 p.m. – A meeting with the Durham, Freeport, Pownal Municipal Leadership was held. The discussion centered on the RSU5 3-5 Year Financial Plan and the Board's Budget Priorities for 2012-2013

(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 March 28, 2012 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Larkins called the meeting to order at 7:08 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:

7. Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. No action to follow.

5. WORKSHOP:

- A. Freeport High School Master Plan Update – Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects reported on work completed to date on the Master Plan. Meetings have been held in each of the three towns with municipal officials and the communities. A meeting was also held with the neighbors to the north of the school. The study is three-quarters of the way done and has 8 components including: new entry front door with security controls, new finishes in 1961 hallways, and new fiber optic backbone; north science wing with one small classroom; classroom expansion on south side of science wing, two classrooms; new two-story addition with new cafeteria and kitchen, new choral room, two new art rooms, new alternative education rooms, new robotics classroom, and theatre workshop with dressing rooms and add new athletic storage; wellness center with weight room and aerobic movement room; repurposing administration and student services in old cafeteria and old administrative wing; renovating six classrooms in 1961 wing; and site work. Mr. Keck reported there are opportunities to expand on the current site and the building is a candidate for renovations. Plans were reviewed showing a second and third story expansion, which could be built in stages. Mr. Keck also explained how he arrived at the square footage and capacity of the current building. A previous study completed in 2004 by a different group arrived at a higher capacity. Projected enrollments at the high school going out to 2021-22 were provided by NESDEC. Next steps include a traffic and parking study. The Master Plan study is expected to be completed by the end of April or early May.
- B. Use of Time Update – Joe Makley reported the committee met on March 7, 2012 to review public feedback from the draft calendar proposal and make a final recommendation to the Board. As a result of the survey, 270+ responses with significant individual comments were received. Many parents spoke in support of teachers' professional learning time, and for their ability to have a voice in the scheduling of flex-time. There was a statistical lack of support for requesting an additional

flex-day, so the recommendation is to continue with 5 professional workdays and two comp days. The other topic of consideration was a proposed professional learning day in May for school-based teams to have an opportunity for data analysis, reflection, and setting targets, etc. for their strategic plans. Some survey comments indicated that having this in May would be difficult, because the schools are involved in end-of year testing, and the data from the spring testing would not be available to the planning groups. The committee recommended moving one professional learning day to the end of the school year in June.

After a discussion by Board members it was asked that the Use of Time Committee meet again and bring back calendar options for the Board to review and to include additional information such as how the teachers used their flex-time this year and to separate out the parent and teacher survey data.

- C. State of the Schools Update – Superintendent Welsh reported the State of Schools report will be reviewed by the Strategic Communications Committee tomorrow evening and a print date, depending on the committee's feedback, has been set. The report will be mailed to all homes in the RSU beginning March 22nd. The report includes an invitation to the April 2nd Education Forum with Commissioner Stephen Bowen. We will begin advertising the Forum with blurbs in newsletters, Delivering on the Mission, Cable television. The Board and staff members will receive a copy of the report before it is mailed homes.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED (1):** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. (Murray – Dube) (10 – 0)

Time In: 8:21 p.m.

Time Out: 8:46 p.m.

8. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (2) To adjourn at 8:47 p.m. (Dube – Murray) (10 – 0).



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