

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2011 – 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 September 28, 2011 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Ricker, Karin VanNostrand

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Voted: (1) To appoint Candace Decsipkes, Karin VanNostrand and Peter Murray to the Professional Growth and Evaluation System Advisory Committee. (Morang – Blais) (9 – 0)

5. WORKSHOP:

A. Goal Setting Linked to Board Self-Evaluation

The Board reviewed the results of the self-evaluation. The overall rating of 80% reflects a highly effective Board who just completed a very successful year. The seven dimensions on the evaluation were contextual 81%, educational 78%, finance 81%, interpersonal 84%, analytical 76%, political 78% and strategic 78%. The Board discussed the following three goals for the 2011-2012 school year: to effectively communicate with parents and the larger community so that they understand the engage in actively supporting the education of our students; to provide appropriate Board training and support opportunities for members to “develop and reinforce the skills required for effective policy-making, budget planning, and communications”; and to provide leadership for securing support for the district budget with a specific plan for explaining and defending the budget to the public.

The Board will vote on the goals at their September 28, 2011 meeting.

6. PERSONNEL:

A. Staff Hires:

VOTED (2): To appoint Sarah Croft to the position of Special Education Teacher at Pownal Elementary School for the 2011-2012 school year. (Murray – Dube) (9 – 0)

VOTED (3): To appoint Jill Hooper to the position of Librarian at Freeport Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year. (Morang – Dube) (9 – 0)

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (4) To adjourn at 7:25 P.M. (Morang – Dube) (9 – 0)

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