

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
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 27, 2011 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Candace Decsipkes, Eric Dube (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins (left at 9:26 p.m.), John Morang, Peter Murray, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Blais, John Green, John Green, John Ricker

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

5. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

- A. Freeport High School One Acts MPA Regional Winners were recognized for their accomplishments this year at the festival.

6. WORKSHOP: FY12 BUDGET REVIEW:

Superintendent Welsh reported there will be a budget increase of \$159,664 in Article 4 due to Census 2010 figures recently released for Region 10. The overall Region 10 budget has a decrease but the RSU has an increased assessment based on the Census figures for all three towns. There will be a budget decrease of \$38,126 in Article 6 because the RSU will no longer pay tuition to Region 10 for Durham students attending Brunswick High School and Maine Region 10 because they are now included in the RSU assessment. The anticipated first bond payment of \$56,106 for the fields project will be put into contingency. The net anticipated impact of all three items to taxpayers would be as follows:

Durham: +\$15,918 = 1%
Freeport: +\$99,597 = 1%
Pownal: – (\$11,349) = – 1%

The Superintendent also reported on the Board's request for a list of administrative priorities. The administrative team met and confirmed that the schools can be run with the recommended budget and the following items will be considered in future budgets:

- Literacy/Instructional Support - coaching positions to support new instructional practices
- Professional Development Flex Time – additional time for training and professional work
- Student Technology PK-6
- Enrichment/Gifted and Talented support (positions)
- Intervention Supports and Students (instructional, behavioral, and programmatic)
- Continued Support for Appropriate Class Size
- Beautification/Improvement of our Schools and Grounds

Public Comments:

Freeport: Stephanie Paine mentioned the wonderful RSU 5/6 Grade concert last evening. She believes the elementary schools need more music and middle school students should have more general music education.

Kristen Dorsey supports adding additional music at the elementary level and asked about the budget impact if FMS taught music throughout the year so it is more of the core curriculum.

David Watts talked about his concerns with the music programs throughout the RSU and the lack of support in the budget.

Catherine Breer spoke about the short term goals a group of parents has come up with to work on cosmetic and safety improvements to the High School. The group is asking for \$9,500 to begin the work.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. VOTED: (1)** To approve a High School facilities Study Advisory Committee Charge.
(Murray – Morang) (7 – 0)

8. PERSONNEL:

A. Staff Resignations:

1. Carrie Thurston – Director of Student Services

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. VOTED (2):** To enter into Executive Session to consider the discipline of a public school student pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(B). (Dube –Morang) (7 – 0)

Time In: 7:40 P.M.

Time Out: 9:25 P.M.

10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. VOTED (3):** To suspend the student under consideration until May 16, 2011 and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to inform the student and the student's parent(s) of the findings and conclusions of this hearing. (Kielty – Decsipkes) (4 – 3 Murray, Dube, Morang)

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. VOTED (4):** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing teacher and support staff negotiations for RSU No. 5.
(Kielty – Morang) (6 – 0)

Time In: 9:26 P.M.

Time Out: 10:11 P.M.

12. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (5) To adjourn at 10:11 P.M. (Morang – Murray) (6– 0).

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