

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 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 6:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Blais (arrived at 7:15 P.M.), Eric Dube, John Green, Cori Holt, Nelson Larkins, John Morang, Peter Murray, Beth Parker, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brenda Kielty, Greg Wilson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

5. WORKSHOP: PRESENTATION OF RSU NO. 5 FY'12 BUDGET:

Superintendent Welsh presented the recommended 2011-2012 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'12 include capital investments, technology investments, enrollments, curriculum materials, athletics 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 shows an overall decrease of \$18,908 (-.08%) with the following impact to each community: Durham a reduction of \$22,133; Freeport a reduction of \$17,612; and Pownal a reduction of \$33,732.

Continued budget deliberations will occur over the next two months ending June 8, 2011 with a three-town Annual Budget Meeting followed by a Budget Validation Referendum on June 14th. All citizens were asked to participate in the process.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (1) To adjourn at 7:15 P.M. (Murray – Parker) (8 – 0)



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