

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 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 March 23, 2011 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Blais, Eric Dube, John Green (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins, John Morang, Peter Murray, Beth Parker, Karin VanNostrand, Greg Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cori Holt

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: (1) To approve the Minutes of January 26, 2011. (Dube – Morang) (9 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Student Government: Evan Goodwin reported on the following: spirit week is underway at FHS; registration for next year's classes will begin on February 28th; the FHS World Quest team won the high school division; One Acts are underway; intramural volleyball leagues begin on February 29th; winter sports awards will be held March 1st; an Aspirations grant was received to create a wind tunnel; and the Assistant Attorney General was in last month to talk about stopping harassment.

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS:

A. Use of Time Update – Sarah Simmonds, Curriculum Director, reported at the January 26th Board meeting the Use of Time Advisory Committee presented two calendar options that both carried significant financial implications. The Board charged the committee with developing at least two additional calendar options, a low cost option and a no cost option. The committee met on February 3rd and developed both of the requested options, and collapsed the two options presented in January into a single option. Each calendar presented tonight increases student learning time through eliminating the use of early release and late arrival time. The committee looked at high performing schools to compare student learning time and found RSU5 is on the lower end for learning time. Calendar option 1 puts all of the cost in actual dollars in order to maintain the current amount of professional learning time. Calendar option 2 allocates less of the cost to actual dollars, but balances that out with a cost in the form of a loss of professional learning time. Calendar option 3 puts all of the cost in loss of professional learning time. The committee's first choice is option 1. After much discussion the Board's decision is to distribute a calendar adding two professional learning days to the public for feedback. The feedback period will take place February 17-March 4.

- B. Fields and Grounds Update – Craig Sickels, Athletic Director, reported the fields and grounds committee has met with the Hunter Road group and the committee recommends the following: defer the reconfiguration of the Freeport Middle School athletic fields and the enlargement of the High School's baseball outfield; go forward with plans for a High School event complex and stadium, consisting of an 8 lane track, artificial turf field, lights, bleachers, press box, concession stand, and bathrooms; and the RSU Board of Directors make this investment and ask the voters of Durham, Freeport and Pownal to support a June 2011 Referendum.

VOTED: (2) To authorize the fields and grounds committee to enter into a discussion with the Hunter Road group regarding potential synergies and a unified vision. Authorize the fields and grounds committee to prepare operational budget numbers for the Board to look at what the ongoing costs would be, including the Hunter Road facility, assuming the RSU would be taking care of that facility. Authorize the fields and grounds committee to present to the FEDC, the town leadership of the three communities, and any other community groups for the purpose of communicating and implementing plans and measuring support.
(Dube – Morang) (9 – 0)

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Budget Priorities – Superintendent Welsh reported on the list of budget priorities anticipated for the 2011-2012 school year. Over the past few months detailed presentations have been presented to the Board. The priorities presented have been developed with input from teachers, advisory committees, administrators, and the strategic plan. The proposed priority areas include the following: Capital investments increase of approximately \$80,000; technology investment increase of approximately \$95,000; enrolments (new positions) increase of approximately \$260,000; curriculum material increase of approximately \$85,000; athletics increase of approximately \$25,000; and the addition of two professional learning days at an increase of approximately \$100,000.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Freeport: Mike Healey spoke about the timeline for the Seacoast United Soccer project at Pownal Road and use of the facility.

Joe Migliaccio spoke about the Hunter Road and RSU field projects and communication that needs to take place with the FEDC and the three communities.

Ethel Wilkerson asked the Board to keep in mind there is a neighborhood surrounding the high school when planning the sports complex. The Board agreed the neighborhood should have representation on the Fields and Grounds Committee.

Liz Andrews spoke about the calendar and her support of calendar option 1.

Kristen Dorsey spoke in favor of calendar option 1. She also agrees the two field groups should meet together.

Tom Ambrose, Morse Street School Principal, spoke in favor of more professional time for teachers.

Chris Roney spoke on behalf of the Track Boosters and requested funding for the program.

Pownal: Lisa Demick, Pownal Elementary Principal, spoke in favor of more professional time for teachers.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED: (3)** To approve a contract with BoMar Transportation (Morang – Dube) (10 – 0)

12. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. RSU No. 5 Financial Statements February 10, 2011

13. COMMUNICATIONS (Consent Agenda):

- A. Freeport High School 2011-2012 Program of Studies

14. BOARD COMMENTS (Reports from Sub-Committees):

- A. Policy – Superintendent Welsh reported the policy review/revisions are continuing. Administration asked the committee to look at two policies, cell phone use and field trips.
- B. & C. Communications and Strategic Planning – Jane Blais reported that the committees have met with Ken Templeton from Great Schools to continue work on the State of the Schools Report. A Forecaster sized newspaper will be created with data and text and mailed to every household in the RSU. The forum will be held on March 29, 2011.
- D. Negotiations – Nelson Larkins reported negotiations with Administrators has begun and dates are being finalized for mediation with teachers.

15. PERSONNEL:

- A. Staff Resignations:
1. Sarah Simmonds – Curriculum Director

16. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. Policy Packet 11-2 was distributed for policy book update.
- B. Policy Packet 11-5 was distributed for review with plans for 1st Read on March 23, 2011 and 2nd Read/Final Adoption on April 27.
- C. 1st Read on the Following Policies: Packet 11-4
1. BEDB – Agenda
 2. BEDBA – Agenda Format
 3. BEDC – Quorum
 4. BEDD – Rules of Order
 5. BEDF – Voting Method

6. BEDFA – Abstentions
7. BEDG – Minutes
8. BEDH – Public Participation at Board of Directors Meetings
9. BEDI – Board of Directors Relations with the Media
10. GCMA – Instructional Staff Planning Time
11. GCRD – Private Tutoring for Pay

D. VOTED: (4) To adopt the following policies: Packet 11-3 (Blais – Parker) (10 – 0)

1. BCE – Board Committees (Finance)
2. BCF – Advisory Committees to the Board
3. BDA – Board of Directors Organizational Meeting
4. BDB – Board of Directors Officers
5. BDD – Board of Directors – Superintendent Relationship
6. BDE – Board of Directors Standing Committees
7. BDF – Board of Directors Advisory Committees
8. BDG – School Attorney/Legal Services
9. BE – Board of Directors Meetings
10. BEA – Board of Directors Use of Electronic Mail
11. BEC – Executive Sessions
12. BEC-E – Executive Session Law
13. BEDA – Notification of Board of Directors Meetings

17. VOTED (5): To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing administrator, teacher and support staff negotiations for RSU No. 5. (Parker – Morang) (10 – 0)

Time In: 9:10 P.M.

Time Out: 10:06 P.M.

18. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

19. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (6) To adjourn at 10:07 P.M. (Dube – Blais) (10 – 0).

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