

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2010 – 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 June 9, 2010 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Beaulieu (arrived at 7:00 P.M.), Jane Blais, Jonathan Dawson, Kristen Dorsey, Eric Dube, Cori Holt, Nelson Larkins, John Morang, Beth Parker, Elizabeth Peters

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brenda Kielty

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: (1) To approve the Minutes of April 26, 2010, April 28, 2010 and May 5, 2010.
(Holt – Peters) (9 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:

None

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS:

None

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Durham: Lois Kilby-Chesley, Laurie Poissonnier
Freeport: Heidi Gerquest, Michelle Bosse, Kate Werner, Heather Dodge, Whitney Soule, Hank Ogilby
Pownal: Rachel Parker

10. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. The Board decided to vote on the budget Article by Article which is the way it will be voted on at the Annual Budget Meeting on May 26, 2010

Article 1: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$1,903,184.00 for Student and Staff Support (Guidance, Health, Curriculum Development, Improvement of Instruction, Library and Technology). (Morang – Holt)

VOTED: (2) To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to reflect an increase in library books from \$9.60 to \$12.60. (Dube – Beaulieu) (7 – 3 Dawson, Parker, Peters)
Amendment carries

VOTED: (3) The motion as amended to expend \$1,908,584.00 for Student and Staff Support (9 – 1 Parker) Motion carries

Article 2: **VOTED: (4)** To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$1,098,849.00 for School Administration (Holt – Dube) (10 – 0) Motion carries

Article 3: **VOTED: (5)** To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$3,007,983.00 for Facilities Maintenance (Operation of Plant, Capital Improvements, Shared Capital Enhancement Projects, Non Shared Capital Renewal Projects, Shared Capital Renewal Projects). (Blais – Morang) (10 – 0) Motion carries

Article 4: **VOTED: (6)** To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$282,142.00 for Career and Technical Education (Maine Vocational Region 10, MVR10) (Morang – Dube) (10 – 0) Motion carries

Article 5: **VOTED: (7)** To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$106,400.00 for All Other Expenditures (School Nutrition, Crossing Guards) (Peters – Holt) (10 – 0) Motion carries

Article 6: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$9,501,862.00 for Regular Instruction (Elementary and Secondary, Secondary Tuition and Contingency) (Dube – Peters)

VOTED: (8) To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to reflect the addition of \$60,000 for the addition of a teacher to be employed where necessary. (Morang – Parker) (5 – 5 Beaulieu, Blais, Holt, Dube, Nelson) 450-450 weighted votes tied – Amendment fails

VOTED: (9) To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to reflect the addition of \$60,000 to put towards contingency. (Peters – Morang) (8 – 2 Holt, Dube) Amendment carries

VOTED: (10) The motion as amended to expend \$9,561,862 for Regular Instruction (7 – 3 Holt, Dube, Parker) Motion carries

Article 7: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$527, 481.00 for Other Instruction (ESL, Co-Curricular, and Athletics) (Morang – Peters)

VOTED: (11) To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to expend an additional \$7,000 to be applied toward stipends for Indoor and Outdoor Track. (Larkins, Dube) (4 – 6 Beaulieu, Dawson, Dorsey, Morang, Parker, Peters) Amendment fails

VOTED: (12) To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to expend an additional \$13,000 to cover Football, Indoor and Outdoor track stipends. (Peters – Parker) (4 – 6 Beaulieu, Blais, Dawson, Dorsey, Holt, Dube) Amendment fails

VOTED: (13) To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$527,481.00 for Other Instruction. (10 – 0) Motion carries

Article 8: **VOTED: (14)** To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$625,672.00 for System Administration (Board of Directors, Superintendent, and Business Office) (Morang – Holt) (10 – 0) Motion carries

Article 9: **VOTED: (15)** To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$1,195,300.00 for Transportation and Buses (Regular and Special Ed Transportation) (Morang – Dorsey) (10 – 0) Motion carries

Article 10: **VOTED: (16)** To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$2,148,795.00 for Debt Service and Other Commitments (State Supported Debt Service and Non Shared Debt) (Holt – Dube) (10 – 0) Motion carries

Article 11: **VOTED: (17)** To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$2,914,032.00 for Special Education (Special Education and Gifted & Talented) (Morang – Holt) (10 – 0)

Article 12: **VOTED: (18)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit *will* appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. **Recommended amounts set forth below:**

Total Appropriated (by
municipality):

Town of Durham: \$ 6,723,363.13
Town of Freeport: \$11,015,956.59
Town of Pownal: \$ 1,804,228.76
**Regional School Unit Total
Appropriated
(Sum of above) \$19,543,548.48**

Total raised (and Regional School
Unit assessments by municipality):

Town of Durham: \$2,443,980.00
Town of Freeport: \$10,513,379.00
Town of Pownal: \$1,306,860.00
**Regional School Unit
Total Raised:
(Sum of above) \$14,264,219.00**

Explanation: The Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum

amount that the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

(Holt – Blais) (10 – 0)

Article 13: **VOTED: (19)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$177,938.00

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Regional School Unit's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the Regional School Unit voters.

(Morang – Holt) (10 – 0)

Article 14: **VOTED: (20)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$105,000.00) in additional local dollars in support of the school nutrition program.

Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$105,000.00

(Dube – Peters) (10 – 0)

Article 15: **VOTED: (21)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$2,965,424.00**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$2,537,323.00**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the Regional School Unit Board.

The Regional School Unit Board recommends \$2,965,424.00 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$2,537,323.00: **The State's Essential Program and Services funding formula is a minimum model to support education in grades K-12. RSU No. 5 provides additional funds to support lower student / teacher ratios, additional co-curricular activities in addition to complete educational programs for all our students.**

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School Unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.

(Dube – Holt) (9 – 1 Parker)

Article 16: **VOTED: (22)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the Regional School Unit Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 from the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. **Regional School Unit Board Recommends \$23,377,100.00** (Holt – Dube) (9 – 1 Parker)

Article 17: **VOTED: (23)** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Regional School Unit Board be authorized to expend federal stabilization funds and such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Note: It is currently estimated that the Regional School Unit Board will receive \$418,655.00 in federal stabilization funds, which are included in the expenditures authorized by this article.
(Peters – Morang) (10 – 0)

Article 18: **VOTED: (24)** To see if Regional School Unit No. 5 will appropriate **\$142,121.00** for adult education and raise **\$83,000.00** as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program. (Holt – Dube) (10 – 0)

Article 19: **VOTED: (25)** Shall the regional career and technical education operating budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 be approved in the amount of **\$1,781,284.00**?
(Holt – Blais) (10 – 0)

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED: (26)** That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for May 26, 2010 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. (Morang – Peters) (10 – 0)
- B. That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 8, 2010 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. (Peters – Blais)

VOTED: (27) To amend the motion to add an advisory question on the ballot asking if citizens find the school budget adopted at the Annual Budget Meeting on May 26, 2010 to be too high, too low or adequate. (Peters – Dorsey) (9 – 1 Beaulieu)

VOTED: (28) That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 8, 2010 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. An advisory question will be added on the ballot asking if citizens find the school budget adopted at the Annual Budget Meeting on May 26, 2010 to be too high, too low or adequate. (Peters – Dorsey) (10 – 0)

- C. **VOTED: (29)** That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 26, 2010, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 8, 2010 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum. (Peters – Morang) (10 – 0)
- D. 1. **VOTED: (30)** To accept the nomination of the following personnel to 2nd Year Probationary status and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue a contract for the 2010-2011 school year. (Dube – Holt) (10 – 0)

Lynne Rowe
Jason Ward
Kathleen Hardy
Lisa Roney
John Thomas
Charles Mellon
Matthew Greear
Jonathon Armory
Lynn Meader
Katharine Whipple
Sara Dimick
Jule Whelan
Susan Beaulé
Chake Higgison
Maria Talbot
Jennifer Kelly

2. **VOTED: (31)** To accept the nomination of the following personnel to 1st Year Continuing Contract status and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue a contract for the 2010-2011 school year. (Morang – Holt) (10 – 0)

Eliza Damone
Mary Hogan
Charles Anderson
Diane Atwood
Pamela Crane
Krista Wood
Peter Morrison
Dorothy Hall-Riddle
Lorissa Lemay
Tracy Libby
Sheri Gonye
Elizabeth Milligan
Jessica Sturges

E. **VOTED (32)** To approve the Academic and Financial Indicators. (Dube – Peters) (10 – 0)

F. **VOTED (33)** To approve job descriptions for the following positions:
(Dube – Morang) (10 – 0)

1. Licensed Practical Nurse - LPN
2. Registered Nurse in the School Setting
3. Certified School Nurse

G. 1st Read on the Comprehensive Education Plan.

H. To approve the Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding and Scope of Work
(Dube – Holt)

VOTED: (34) To amend the motion to add approval contingent upon legal verification that the Board has the opportunity to reconsider participation prior to final commitment. (Blais – Dube) (10 – 0)

VOTED: (35) To approve the Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding and Scope of Work with approval contingent upon legal verification that the Board has the opportunity to reconsider participation prior to final commitment.
(Blais – Dube) (7 – 3 Dawson, Dorsey, Peters)

13. PERSONNEL:

A. Staff Resignations:

1. Corrie Calderwood – Educational Technician at Freeport High School
2. Carol Strozewski – Educational Technician at Freeport Middle School

B. Voluntary Transfers:

1. Susan Nay – From Resource Teacher at Freeport Middle School to Primary Self Contained Teacher at Pownal Elementary School.

2. Lynn Meader – From half-time Resource Teacher at Mast Landing School and half-time Resource Teacher at Freeport Middle School to full time Resource Teacher at Mast Landing.

C. **VOTED: (36)** To employ Beth Whitehead as .5 Time Physical Therapist for the 2010-2011 school year. (Dube – Holt) (10 – 0)

14. COMMUNICATIONS (CONSENT AGENDA):

A. 2010-2011 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. **VOTED (37):** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing administrator and support staff negotiations for RSU No. 5 (Dube – Holt) (10 – 0)

Time In: 9:40 P.M.

Time Out: 10:00 P.M.

16. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (38) To adjourn at 10:01 P.M. (Eric – Dorsey) (10 – 0)

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