

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 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 April 28, 2010 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Beaulieu, Jane Blais, Jonathan Dawson, Kristen Dorsey, Eric Dube, Cori Holt, Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins, John Morang, Beth Parker, Elizabeth Peters

MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

5. 2010-2011 BUDGET:

Superintendent Welsh reviewed the packet of information that included the following: budget adjustments; an updated teachers per grade sheet; information on Pownal, Freeport and Durham middle schools; and the Pownal Middle School Recommendation Summary.

A lengthy discussion took place on the recommendation in the budget to replace Pownal's current middle school program with the choice of attending either Durham or Freeport middle schools. The Board requested that the Pownal Parents of current 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students be asked which school they would select if they had the choice of their middle school child attending school next year in Pownal, Durham, or Freeport. Transportation would be provided to the schools. Families will provide this information by Monday, April 26th so the Board can review the information at their next meeting on Wednesday, April 28th. The Board will then consider a vote on one of the following options:

1. Keep all Pownal students at Pownal Middle School;
2. Eliminate the Pownal Middle School program and allow Pownal students in grades 6-8 the choice of Freeport or Durham middle school programs with transportation provided;
3. Allow Pownal students in grades 6-8 the choice of attending school at Pownal, Freeport, or Durham.

Public comments:

Durham: George Lucatel, Chris Riendeau, Beth Daniels, Heather Perry

Pownal: Tom Hall, Sophie Kaplan, Anna Ruprecht, Carol Cyr, Heidi Cushman, Michael Morin, Cliff Ruprecht, Susan Smith, Jim Briggs, Michelle Carter, Jon Morris, Steve Russell, Peter Buckley,

John Green, Jennifer Best, John Rankins, John Green, Leslie Searfoss, Ginifir Giddinge, Jessica Stewart, Tracy Borden, John Green
Freeport: Liza Moore, Joan Nason, Spencer Eagan, Gerry Kennedy, Terry Agnese, Cheryl White,

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 1st Read on the 2010-2011 School Calendar.

7. PERSONNEL:

A. **VOTED: (1)** To appoint Carrie Thurston to the position of Director of Student Services for the 2010-2011 school year. (Parker – Peters) (11 - 0)

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (2) To adjourn at 10:25 P.M. (Dube – Peters) (11 – 0)

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