

RSU No. 5 Special Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 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 March 24, 2010 meeting).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Dawson, Kristen Dorsey, Eric Dube, Cori Holt, Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins, Melinda McKechnie, John Morang, Beth Parker, Laurie Poissonnier

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Peters

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

5. WORKSHOP: PRESENTATION OF RSU NO. 5 FY'11 BUDGET:

Superintendent Welsh presented the recommended 2010-2011 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. The recommended budget with stimulus funds, Adult Education and without debt service shows an overall decrease of \$596,995 (2.7%). The decrease is due mainly to tuition and restructuring. Superintendent Welsh reviewed the eleven articles in the budget and the changes made to each. The projected tax impact change, due to offsetting local revenues, would result in a reduction for Durham and Pownal and a small increase to Freeport.

Continued budget deliberations will occur over the next two months ending May 26th with a three-town Annual Budget Meeting followed by a Budget Validation Referendum on June 8th. All citizens were asked to participate in the process.

Public Comment: Jane Humpfrey, Pownal resident

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (1) To adjourn at 7:54 P.M. (Poissonnier – McKechnie) (10 – 0)

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