

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2010 – 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 January 27, 2010 meeting).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Dawson, Kristen Dorsey, Eric Dube, Cori Holt, Nelson Larkins, Melinda McKechnie, John Morang, Beth Parker, Elizabeth Peters

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brenda Kielty, Laurie Poissonnier

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

5. WORKSHOP:

A. Consolidation Legislation discussion with Legislators from Durham, Freeport and Pownal:

RSU No. 5 Senators Gerzofsky and Simpson along with Representatives Webster, VanWie and Austin were in attendance. Senator Alfond, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, also attended the meeting to listen to the Board's suggested improvements to the consolidation law. Suggested improvements to the law are in three areas: elimination of the budget validation referendum due to the cost and it is redundant to the Annual Budget meeting; adding language to the law that would create a process for dissolution or opt out; adding language that enables an RSU to set a common date for Board elections at either the June or November state funded referendum.

Senator Alfond stated the Education Committee will discuss LD 570 along with other bills dealing with consolidation on Monday, January 25th. The Board was encouraged to put their suggestions in writing and to attend the hearing.

Freeport residents Rich DeGrandpre and Joe Migliaccio spoke about consolidation.

B. Fields/Grounds Capital Planning:

The Facility Sub-Committee presented the RSU No. 5 Capital/Facility Plan to the Board. Tours and assessments have been completed with the exception of Durham Community School, due to the construction of a new school. Buildings seem to be in very good repair. A 20 year life cycle plan has been developed for the infrastructures of the buildings. The information informs us of the replacement timelines. A 5 year Capital Plan was developed by taking the 20-year plan and

observations on conditions and history of repairs. Capital reserve accounts will be established whenever possible to allow for major future capital items, possibly fields. The Sub-Committee did not complete an analysis of field space because one had just been completed through funding from the Freeport Town Council.

Brian Berkemeyer, Freeport resident spoke about the need for new fields and improvements. Hank Ogilby, CEA President asked a question about heat in the Art rooms.

6. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

A. **Voted: (1)** To approve sub-committee appointments due to membership changes

1. Communications – Vacant
2. Aspirations Partnership – Dawson
3. MVR 10 Board – McKechnie
4. IASA – Dawson
5. Negotiations – Dawson

(Morang – Holt) (9 – 0)

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on procedure to review RSU name.

Superintendent Welsh wanted to reassure the community there will be public input for developing a name for the RSU. There will be an outreaching of communications the same as has been done in the past for budget and strategic planning. Round table discussions were originally scheduled for December 3rd but were delayed. There are no specific dates at this point. The goal is to give an identity to the RSU as an organization.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **VOTED (2):** To adopt the Mission and Vision statements to read as follows:
(Peters – McKechnie) (9 – 0)

Our Mission:

To provide our students with a world-class education that will challenge minds, engage creativity, develop self-discipline, and advance inherent strengths.

Our Vision:

- Our schools provide a safe, engaging environment that fosters a passion for life-long learning.
- Our educators are mentors dedicated to providing our students with the knowledge and skills that will help them adapt to our changing world.
- Our community supports the concept that each individual—be they student, educator, parent, or community member—bears responsibility to the success of our mission.

- All stakeholders understand that financial responsibility is a facet of each decision that is made and tirelessly seek the resources to support our mission and vision.

Hank Ogilby, CEA President asked what was being expected of the teachers in the Vision statement.

9. COMMUNICATIONS (CONSENT AGENDA):

- A. FY '11 Budget Schedule
- B. Surplus Equipment

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED (3):** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Teacher, Administrator and Support Staff negotiations for RSU No. 5. (Dube – Holt) (9 – 0)

Time In: 9:06 P.M.

Time Out: 10:10 P.M.

11. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (4) To adjourn at 10:11 P.M. (Holt – Peters) (9 – 0)

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Superintendent of Schools