

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.
Freeport High School Cafeteria
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 24, 2009 meeting).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen Dorsey, Eric Dube, Cori Holt, Jennifer Kaplan, Brenda Kielty, Nelson Larkins, Melinda McKechnie, John Morang, Beth Parker, Elizabeth Peters, Laurie Poissonnier

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Poissonnier called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Poissonnier noted items 8. A. and 9. A. will be tabled until the June 10, 2009 Board meeting.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Residents spoke about the proposed FY'10 Budget.

Durham residents: Allen Purinton, Jane Rice

Freeport residents: Joe Migliaccio, Rich DeGrandpre, Walter Libby, John Farrell

Pownal residents: Robin Hodsdon, Cliff Ruprecht, Carol Raymond, Jean Sealy, Tim Giddinge

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Budget FY'10

Vice-Chair John Morang announced that the Freeport School Committee voted on Monday, June 1, 2009 to return tuition funds to M.S.A.D. #62 on the tuition premium currently paid for students tuitioned to Freeport High School. The premium, approximately \$44,310, is part of a tuition contract between M.S.A.D. #62 and Freeport for funding for capital expenses on the high school. Vice-Chair Morang noted that Durham students attended Freeport High School at the state tuition rate and were not charged the tuition premium this year. The Freeport School Committee felt it was fair to Pownal to return the tuition premium to make it equitable. The funds can be used by Pownal as carry-forward to off-set the tax impact for the proposed 2009-2010 budget.

Superintendent Welsh explained the Board will be voting on the budget Article by Article. The Board could adopt the bottom line of the budget but wanted to vote on it this way to help the public understand the process for the June 16th Annual Budget Meeting. The public was

reminded the Annual Budget Meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 6:00 P.M. at the Freeport High School and the Budget Validation Referendum is June 25th.

Article 1: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$1,849,402.00 for Student and Staff Support (Morang – Larkins) (9 – 2 Dube, Kaplan) Motion carries

Article 2: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$1,170,826.00 for School Administration (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0) Motion carries

Article 3: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$2,693,550.00 for Facilities Maintenance (Morang – Holt) (11 – 0) Motion carries

Article 4: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$285,540.00. for Career and Technical Education. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0) Motion carries

Article 5: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$280,102.00 for All Other Expenditures. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0) Motion carries

Article 6: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$9,809,287.00 for Regular Instruction (Morang – Parker)

To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to \$9,744,004.00 which reflects the reduction of 1 FTE Teacher at Freeport High School (Kaplan – McKechnie) (1 – 9 Dorsey, Holt, Kielty, Larkins, McKechnie, Morang, Parker, Peters, Poissonnier – 1 Dube) Amendment defeated

Main Motion: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$9,809,287.00 for Regular Instruction (Morang – Parker) (9 – 2 Dube, Kaplan) Motion carries

Article 7: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of 543,329.00 for Other Instruction (Morang – Parker)

To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to \$513,329 which reflects the reduction of the Athletic Trainer (Kaplan – Dube) (3 – 8 Dorsey, Kielty, Larkins, McKechnie, Morang, Parker, Peters, Poissonnier) Amendment defeated

To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to \$501,108.00 which reflects the reduction of \$257 Durham stipends, \$800 Pownal stipends, \$1164 FMS Stipends, \$3500 FHS co-curricular stipends, \$6500 athletic stipends/bussing and the Athletic Trainer. (Dube – Kaplan) (1 – 10 Dorsey, Holt, Kaplan, Kielty, Larkins, McKechnie, Morang, Parker, Peters, Poissonnier) Amendment defeated

To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to \$510,929 which reflects the reduction of the Athletic Trainer and Nordic Ski Asst. Coach. (Kaplan – Holt) (3 – 8 Dorsey, Kielty, Larkins, McKechnie, Morang, Parker, Peters, Poissonnier) Amendment defeated

To amend the Superintendent's recommended amount to \$513,329 which reflects the reduction of the Athletic Trainer. (Dorsey – Kaplan) (6 – 5 Poissonnier, Larkins, McKechnie, Parker, Morang) Motion carries

The motion as amended to expend \$513, 329 for Other Instruction (Dorsey – Dube) (6 – 5 Poissonnier, Larkins, McKechnie, Parker, Morang) Motion carries

Article 8: To accept the Superintendent's reduced recommendation in the amount of \$639,276 (less \$19,285 in benefits) for System Administration. (Parker – Holt) (9 – 2 Dube, Kaplan) Motion carries

Article 9: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$1,132,948.00 for Transportation and Buses. (Morang – Peters) (11 – 0) Motion carries

Article 10: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$1,361,899.00 for Debt Service and Other Commitments. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0) Motion carries

Article 11: To accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the amount of \$3,041,636.00 for Special Education. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0) Motion carries

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Voted: (1)** 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 June 16, 2009 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. (Morang – Peters) (11 – 0)
- B. **Voted: (2)** 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 25, 2009 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. (Morang – Parker) (11 - 0)
- C. **Voted: (3)** 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 June 16, 2009, 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 25, 2009 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum. (Morang – Peters) (11 – 0)

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: This agenda item was tabled under 3. Adjustments to the Agenda.

- A. To enter into Executive Session as outlined in M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing employment of Administrators.

9. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: This agenda item was tabled under 3. Adjustments to the Agenda.

- A. Consideration of action to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue Administrator contracts as discussed in Executive Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (4) To adjourn at 10:45 P.M. (Parker – McKechnie) (11 – 0)

Shannon L. Welsh
Superintendent of Schools