

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.
Freeport High School Library
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 15, 2009 meeting).

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Peters

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Poissonnier called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

3. REVIEW OF RSU NO. 5 FY '10 BUDGET:

Additional budget information was provided to the Board in an attempt to further clarify budget items and the resulting tax impact. Several Board members and citizens expressed concern about the tax impact to Pownal. The Board asked administration to review the budget recommendations, including those recommended by the current school boards. They would like to hear the rationale for keeping specific items, the priorities, where budget reductions can be made, and what the impact would be of those reductions. Administration will work with staff and provide this information at the meeting scheduled for April 15, 2009. The goal is to make every attempt to reduce the tax impact while maintaining a strong educational program in all our schools.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (1) To adjourn at 9:34 P.M. (Dube – McKechnie) (10 – 0)

Shannon L. Welsh
Superintendent of Schools