

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 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 8, 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 6:35 P.M.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: (1) To approve the Minutes of March 11, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented. (Morang – Holt) (11 – 0)

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Lois Kilby-Chesley, President of the FEA and a Durham resident, asked for clarification on the process the Superintendent Search Committee followed. Clarification questions asked included: what was the make-up of the search committee; how were votes by the search committee counted; were second interviews conducted; was all information held confidential; did the Search Committee come up with a recommendation to bring to the full Board; will Board votes be weighted. The weighted vote system was explained to Ms. Kilby-Chesley.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Policy development training

Cori Holt, Chair of the Policy Sub-Committee, and Superintendents Tomaszewski and Welsh reviewed the role the Board plays in policy making; what a policy is; why policies are needed; and the procedure to be used for policy development. A demonstration on how to navigate the policy section on the rsu5.org website was provided.

9. COMMUNICATIONS (Consent Agenda)

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS (Reports from Sub-Committees):

- A. Communications: Betsy Peters reported the Communications Sub-Committee met on March 23rd with the Superintendents and Jeff Brazee, Freeport's Technology Systems Director. The committee discussed website changes and processes. The goal of the website between now and July 1st is to communicate preparations for consolidation. The committee wants to be pro-active by posting upcoming meeting agendas, having transparency and community involvement. The committee will meet again on April 9th.
- B. Finance: John Morang reported the Finance Sub-Committee met on March 19th and 25th with the two Superintendents and two Business Managers. On the 19th the committee reviewed expenses and discussed the upcoming budget presentation. On the 25th the committee discussed the budget format. No decisions were made. The School Department is still waiting for numbers from the state.
- C. Policy: Cori Holt reported the Policy Sub-Committee met on March 13th with the two Superintendents. Policy review is an on-going process. There are fifty-three state mandated policies to be in place by July 1st.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **Voted: (2)** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing appointment of a Superintendent for RSU No. 5 and for the purpose of contract discussions of the Superintendent. (Morang – Kaplan) (11 – 0)

Time In: 7:04 P.M.

Time Out: 9:40 P.M.

12. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **Voted (3)** To appoint Shannon Welsh as Superintendent of Schools for RSU No. 5 and authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair to negotiate the contract.
(Holt – McKechnie) (6 – 5) (Kaplan, Kielty, Larkins, Morang, Parker)

13. ADJOURNMENT:

- Voted: (4)** To adjourn at 9:41 P.M. (Holt – Morang) (11 – 0)

Shannon L. Welsh
Superintendent of Schools