

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 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 February 25, 2009 meeting).

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Dube

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

3. ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:

5. B. Consideration and action to create a Communications Sub-committee and appoint members.

5. C. Consideration and action to enter into a contract for heating oil with MW Sewall with a start date of May 1, 2009 for Freeport and Pownal and July 1, 2009 for Durham.

5. D. To make the RSU No. 5 website go live at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Lois Kilby-Chesley, Durham resident, spoke about her concerns with the budget in the RPC Plan specifically a per diem rate of pay for an interim Superintendent. Ms. Kilby-Chesley also inquired about the availability of Board meeting minutes.

Ms. Liza Moore, Freeport resident, introduced herself to the Board and seconded what Ms. Kilby-Chesley stated.

Ms. Martha Carton, Freeport resident, asked if Ms. Kilby-Chesley's concerns would be answered.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Voted: (1)** To hire a permanent superintendent by March 11, 2009 and create a sub-committee of 5 Board members, 3 members of the public, and 3 staff members with representatives from each town; the Chair and Vice Chair will appoint the 3 staff members and 3 members of the public; the Sub-committee will report to the full Board on February 25th with the process to be used to elect a superintendent by March 11, 2009. (Larkins – Morang) (10 – 0)

Members discussed having MSMA provide training for the Sub-committee and recommended using a public survey to gather input from the community.

Voted: (2) To appoint Eric Dube, Laurie Poissonnier, Melinda McKechnie, John Morang and Beth Parker to the Superintendent Selection Sub-committee. (Parker – Holt) (10 – 0)

B. **Voted: (3)** To create a Communications Sub-committee and appoint Kristen Dorsey, Jennifer Kaplan and Elizabeth Peters as members. (Parker - Peters) (10 – 0)

C. **Voted: (4)** To create an audio file of the February 25th meeting for posting on the RSU website. (Peters – Kaplan) (10 – 0)

D. **Voted: (5)** To enter into a contract for heating oil with MW Sewall with a start date of May 1, 2009 for Freeport and Pownal and July 1, 2009 for Durham. Subject to Freeport and Pownal paying their own fuel costs for the months of May and June, 2009. (Kaplan – Morang) (9 – 1 Holt)

E. **Voted: (6)** To make the RSU No. 5 website go live at the conclusion of the Board meeting. (Kaplan – Morang) (10 – 0)

6. COMMUNICATIONS (Consent Agenda)

- A. FY'10 Budget Schedule
- B. Schedule of Meetings
- C. Sub-committee Membership

7. BOARD COMMENTS:

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **Voted: (7)** To enter into Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing teacher and support staff negotiations for RSU No. 5 (Kaplan – McKechnie) (10 – 0)

Declared out of Executive Session at 9:50 P.M. by Chairperson Poissonnier.

9. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Voted: (8) To adjourn at 9:55 P.M. (Morang – Parker) (10 – 0)

Shannon L. Welsh
Interim Secretary