

## **RSU5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS GOALS for 2012-2013**

The RSU 5 Board of Directors has adopted a Strategic Framework that outlines detailed academic program and financial goals. These were adopted in February 2010 with the intent of enhancing the quality of learning for our students. Indicators for each goal area were identified as was a communication plan for keeping the public informed about our progress toward attaining these goals.

In addition to those district-level goals, the Board sets goals for its own development. Annually, the Board completes a self-evaluation based on dimensions of Board competency. The results are used to establish goals and planning for the year. The following goals were established for 2012-2013:

### **I. Goal Area: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

**To effectively communicate with parents and the larger community so that they understand and engage in actively supporting the education of our students.**

- The Board will host a Fall meeting with governance members from each community in an effort to increase communications and build positive relations. *(Board Chair and administration responsibility)*
- The Board will hold a workshop meeting in each town on an annual basis. Members of the public will be invited to attend an informal social/coffee in each town prior to the workshop to provide an opportunity for the public to speak with members of the Board. That component of the Board meeting will not be videotaped for broadcast purposes. *(Board Chair and administration responsibility)*
- The Board will hold a second meeting in each town annually during the budget process. The goal is to increase the public's knowledge and awareness of components of the draft 2013-2014 budget prior to Board adoption. *(Board Chair and administration responsibility)*
- Board members will summarize the process and information generated before asking the Board to take a final vote on decisions. The goal is to better educate the public about the process leading up to a final vote. *(Board and administration responsibility)*
- Board members will effectively communicate the educational benefits of the RSU. The goal is to create one large RSU community across all three towns. *(Board and administration responsibility)*
- Provide Good News and Recognition presentations by teachers/administrators about what is going on in each school. *(Administration responsibility)*
- The Board's Negotiations Team will consider ways to build stronger working relationships with teachers. *(Negotiations Team and administration responsibility)*

## **II. Goal Area: FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY**

### **To research and consider action on the most effective methods of addressing overcrowding, facility, and program needs at the Freeport High School.**

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- Consider approval of the expenditure of funds for Concept Design and related budget to address the needs at the high school. *(Board and administration responsibility)*
- Consider development of an Advisory Committee representative of all stakeholders to provide direction and advice to the project's design team for development of Concept Design and budget for renovation and addition(s) to the Freeport High School facility, fields, and grounds. *(Board and administration responsibility)*
- Consider action on a possible referendum vote regarding the Freeport High School facility, fields, and grounds. *(Board and administration responsibility)*
- If the Board supports a referendum vote, consider action to support educational efforts about the project. *(Board, administration, and Advisory Committee responsibility)*

## **III. Goal Area: FINANCIAL**

### **To provide leadership for securing support for the district budget with a specific plan for explaining and defending the budget to the public.**

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- The Board will be informed about programs and needs through administrative reports and workshops during the months prior to beginning the public budget development process. Citizens will be invited and encouraged to attend these sessions. *(Board, administration, and public responsibility)*
- The Board will establish budget priorities prior to the public budget development process. These will be both proactive with a focus on implementation of the Strategic Framework and reactive to current conditions. Citizens will be invited to provide input to help the Board understand the public's priorities. *(Board, administration, and public responsibility)*
- The Board will meet with the Selectmen or Town Council and Budget Advisory Committee members from each of our three communities to discuss budget items and tax impact to citizens and to gain their input on the proposed budget. *(Finance Committee and administration responsibility)*
- Consider the most effective way of getting the greatest number of people to attend the Annual Budget Meeting. *(Finance Committee and administration responsibility)*
- Structure the Board's budget meetings so the Board has time for deliberations prior to a final vote on the budget. *(Board Chair and administration responsibility)*