

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Cafeteria
Meeting 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 September 23, 2015 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Nelson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Brown, Candace Decsipkes, Nelson Larkins, Naomi Ledbetter, John Morang, Beth Parker, Brian Pike, Michelle Ritcheson, Lindsay Sterling, Valeria Steverlynck, Karin VanNostrand

MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- A. VOTED: (1)** To approve the minutes of May 6, 2015, May 13, 2015 and May 27, 2015.
(Pike – Ritcheson) (11– 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Recognition of Retirees
- B. Governor's Young Writer Award

7. REPORTS:

- A. Student Government – No report
- B. Professional Growth & Evaluation Update

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

9. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS (To take effect July 1, 2015):

- A. VOTED: (2)** To appoint Nelson Larkins as Chair for RSU No. 5 Board of Directors.
(Steverlynck – Parker) (11 – 0)
- B. VOTED: (3)** To appoint Michelle Ritcheson as Vice-Chair for RSU No. 5 Board of Directors.
(Steverlynck – Parker) (11 – 0)
- C. VOTED: (4)** To add, delete, or consolidate committees and make annual appointments.
 - 1. Negotiations (Professional) – Larkins, Parker, Ritcheson
 - Negotiations (Support) – Decsipkes, Pike

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2. Policy – Decsipkes, Ledbetter, VanNostrand
3. Strategic Communications Committee - Brown, Decsipkes, Steverlynck, Sterling
4. Finance - Brown, Morang, Ritcheson
5. RSU5 Student Aspirations - Ritcheson
6. RSU5 Adult, Recreation and Community Education Advisory Committee - Parker
7. Maine Region 10 Technical High School – Morang, Pike
8. Dropout Prevention Committee –Ledbetter
9. Stipend Review Committee – Parker, Pike
10. Cable TV Board & Technology Committee - Sterling
11. Freeport Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee - Parker
12. Facilities Committee – Morang, Parker
13. MSMA Legislative Contact - Ledbetter
14. Safety Committee – Pike, VanNostrand
15. Wellness Committee - Steverlynck
16. IASA Including: Chapter II & NCLB/Drug Free Schools Title IV – Ritcheson
17. School Attorney – Drummond Woodsum
18. School Physician – Julia Lockwood
(Parker – Ledbetter) (11 – 0)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. VOTED: (5)** That the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the Budget Validation Referendum dated and attached hereto be and is hereby approved. (Parker – Ritcheson) (11 – 0)
- B. VOTED: (6)** That the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the Budget Validation Referendum be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”). (Steverlynck – Morang) (11 – 0)
- C. VOTED: (7)** That a Certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes relating to the Budget Validation Referendum be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the Regional School Unit. (Pike – Steverlynck) (11 – 0)
- D. VOTED: (8)** That the Assessment Warrant and the Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments prepared by the Treasurer for each member municipality of this Regional School Unit for fiscal year 2015-2016 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Assessment Warrant and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments.
(Steverlynck – Ritcheson) (11 – 0)

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. VOTED: (9)** To authorize the Interim Superintendents to hire professional staff during the summer months. (Steverlynck - Parker) (11 – 0)
- B. VOTED: (10)** To authorize the Superintendent to hire professional staff between September 1, 2015 and the first Board meeting in September, 2015. (Pike - Sterling) (11 – 0)

12. PERSONNEL:

A. Staff Hires

1. **VOTED: (11)** To employ Matt Halpern as a K-5 Literacy Strategist for the 2015-2016 school year. (Steeverlynck – Pike) (11 – 0)
2. **VOTED: (12)** To employ Kathryn Brunelle as a Gifted and Talented Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. (Steeverlynck – Pike) (11 – 0)
3. **VOTED: (13)** To employ Sarah Hanson as a .5 Social Worker at Morse Street School for the 2015-2016 school year. (VanNostrand – Pike) (11 – 0)
4. **VOTED: (14)** To employ William Grisanzio as a .3 Psychologist for the 2015-2016 school year. (Pike – Parker) (11 – 0)
5. **VOTED: (15)** To employ Brook Rich as a .5 Nurse at Morse Street School for the 2015-2016 school year. (Ledbetter – Parker) (11 – 0)
6. **VOTED: (16)** To employ Stephanie Merrill as a Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at Durham Community School for the 2015-2016 school year. (Steeverlynck – Decsipkes) (11 – 0)
7. **VOTED: (17)** To employ Caroline Emmerson as a .5 Social Studies Teacher at Freeport High School for the 2015-2016 school year. (Parker – Pike) (11 – 0)
8. **VOTED: (18)** To employ Emily Grimm as a .1 Assistant Principal at Freeport Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year. (Steeverlynck – Pike) (11 – 0)

C. Resignations (at the end of the 2014-2015 School Year):

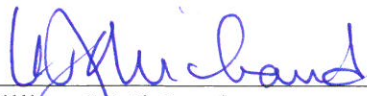
1. Chake Higgison – PES & MSS Art Teacher

13. WORKSHOP SESSION:

- A. Bus Routes (N. Ledbetter)
- B. Priorities for new Superintendent (K. Brown & C. Decsipkes)
- C. Items for August Board meeting (K. Brown & C. Decsipkes)
- D. Other

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- VOTED: (19)** To adjourn at 9:00 p.m. (Steeverlynck – Ritcheson) (11 – 0)



William J. Michaud
Superintendent of Schools