

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 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 June 10, 2015 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Nelson Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 April 29, 2015. (Morang – Steverlynck) (11– 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

7. REPORTS:

- A. Superintendents
- B. Finance

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Brown, seconded by Ritcheson to adopt the FY'16 Budget in the amount of \$29,340,203.00.

Amendment #1: Moved by Steverlynck, seconded by Morang to replace the half-time Math Strategist with the Literacy Interventionist.

(294 – 704 Decsipkes, Ritcheson, Brown, Larkins, VanNostrand, Pike, Sterling, Ledbetter)
Amendment Fails

Amendment #2: Moved by Sterling, seconded by Parker to add the half-time Drama position for \$27,000.

Amendment to Amendment #2: Moved by Parker, seconded by Ritcheson to remove the .2 Guidance for \$16,000 and \$11,000 for the scoreboard and put the money towards the Freeport High School half-time Drama position.

(450 - 548 Decsipkes, Morang, VanNostrand, Pike, Sterling, Ledbetter) Amendment Fails

Vote on Amendment #2: (392 - 606 Decsipkes, Ritcheson, Brown, Larkins, VanNostrand, Pike, Ledbetter) Amendment Fails

Amendment #3: Moved by Steverlynck, seconded by Sterling to add \$80,000 to Freeport High School to be used at the discretion of the Principal.

(490 – 508 Decsipkes, Ritcheson, Brown, Larkins, Pike, Ledbetter) Amendment Fails

Amendment #4: Moved by Steverlynck, seconded by Sterling to add \$14,000 for Gifted and Talented.

(392 - 606 Decsipkes, Ritcheson, Brown, Larkins, Pike, Ledbetter, Parker) Amendment Fails

Amendment #5: Moved by Steverlynck, seconded by Sterling to add \$12,000 for co-curricular stipends district wide.

(294 – 704 Decsipkes, Ritcheson, Brown, Larkins, VanNostrand, Pike, Ledbetter, Parker)
Amendment Fails

Amendment #6: Moved by VanNostrand, seconded by Parker to add \$40,000 to Freeport High School to be used at the discretion of the administrator.

(490 - 508 Decsipkes, Ritcheson, Brown, Larkins, Pike, Ledbetter) Amendment Fails

Amendment #7: Moved by Parker, seconded by Steverlynck to add \$20,000 to Freeport High School to be used at the discretion of the administrator.

(490 - 508 Decsipkes, Ritcheson, Brown, Larkins, Pike, Ledbetter) Amendment Fails

Amendment #8: Moved by Ledbetter, seconded by Parker to add \$20,000 to Freeport High School and remove the scoreboard at \$12,000.

Amendment to Amendment #8: Moved by Larkins, seconded by Pike to remove \$8,000 from PES Guidance.

(900 - 98 Morang) Amendment Passes

Vote on Amendment #8 as amended: (450 – 548 Decsipkes, Morang, Brown, Larkins, VanNostrand, Pike) Amendment Fails

VOTED: (2) To adopt the FY'16 Budget in the amount of \$29,340,203.00. (10 – 1 Steverlynck)

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: (3) That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "Regional School Unit") Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for May 27, 2015 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

(Ritcheson – Pike) (10 – 1 Steverlynck)

B. VOTED: (4) That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 9, 2015 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. (Morang – Ritcheson) (11 – 0)

C. VOTED: (5) That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 27, 2015, and to cause copies of said notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 9, 2015 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum. (Ledbetter – VanNostrand) (11 – 0)

D. VOTED: (6) That pursuant to section 1485(4) of Title 20-A, the Finance Committee be authorized to transfer not more than 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center in the FY16 operating budget to another cost center or among other cost centers, provided that the total FY16 fiscal year operating budget shall not be increased by such transfers.
(Parker – Pike) (11 – 0)

E.1.VOTED: (7) To accept the nomination of the following personnel and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue a contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
(Parker – Pike) (11 – 0)

Educators for 2nd Year Probationary Contracts:

- A. Margaret Chalmers
- B. Susan Dee
- C. Patricia Francis
- D. James Gale
- E. Jeremy Gath
- F. Terrence Hickey
- G. Tess Hoffmann
- H. Lisa Hogan
- I. Halie Lyons
- J. Simon Skold
- K. Carolyn Vavro
- L. Paul White
- M. Colleen Withers

E.2.VOTED: (8) To accept the nomination of the following personnel and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue a contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
(Steverlynck – Brown) (11 – 0)

Educators for 3rd Year Probationary Contracts:

- A. Trevor Bean
- B. Aja Darak
- C. Sarah Duffy
- D. Paige Fournier
- E. Timothy Grivois
- F. Jacqueline Hammond
- G. Natasha Jimenez

H. Diana Lamb
I. Amanda Lowe
J. Laura Melaragno-Hankins.
K. Brooke Rich
L. Alejandra Rodriguez
M. Amy Sellers
N. Melanie Taylor
O. Marcia Wood

E.3.VOTED: (9) To accept the nomination of the following personnel and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue a contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
(Morang – Ledbetter) (11 – 0)

Educators for 1st Year Continuing Contracts:

A. Allison Bois
B. Sarah Burtchell
C. Darren Carter
D. Jona Chase
E. Melissa Cousins
F. Kimberly Cowperthwaite
G. Nathan Garnett
H. Michelle Leavitt
I. Nicholas Lyons
J. Heather Perry
K. William Ridge
L. Margarete Schnauck
M. Michelle Shaw
N. Ashley Shoukimas
O. Lillian Stiles
P. John Stivers
Q. Gayle Wolotsky
R. Heather Zachau

F. VOTED: (10) That the Vote entitled, “Vote to Authorize Amendments to M.S.M.A. Workers’ Compensation Insurance Declaration of Trust and Indemnity Agreement” be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.
(Steverlynck – Pike) (11 – 0)

G. VOTED: (11) That the Vote entitled, “Vote to Authorize Amendments to M.S.M.A. Dental Insurance Declaration of Trust and Indemnity Agreement” be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.
(Steverlynck – Pike) (11 – 0)

H. VOTED: (12) That the Vote entitled, “Vote to Authorize Amendments to M.S.M.A. Unemployment Compensation Declaration of Trust” be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.
(Pike – Ledbetter) (11 – 0)

- I. VOTED: (13)** That the Vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize Amendments to M.S.M.A. Property & Casualty Insurance Declaration of Trust and Participation Agreement" be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting. (Morang – Steverlynck) (11 – 0)

10. PERSONNEL:

- 1. VOTED: (14)** To employ Jennifer Gulko as Assistant Principal at Freeport High School for the 2015-2016 school year. (Ritcheson – Brown) (11 – 0)
- 2. VOTED: (15)** To extend the term of the following Administrator contracts for one year: Dennis Ouellette. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0)
- 3. VOTED: (16)** To approve an unpaid leave of absence for Diana Lamb for the 2015-2016 school year. (Morang – Parker) (11 – 0)

11. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (17) To adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (Brown – Morang) (11 – 0)



William J. Michaud
Superintendent of Schools