

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – 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 February 9, 2022 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), Elisabeth Munsen, Dung Nguyen, Jill Piker, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten

MEMBERS ABSENT: There was no student representative in attendance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of January 12, 2022. (Steverlynck – Piker) (10 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative – No report

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynn Shea, Freeport
Heather Roy, Durham

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. District Happenings

Retirement: Susan Simmons, MLS Ed Tech

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Peggy Brown

B. District Scorecard- Cynthia Alexander & Administrators

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests:

1. Michelle Ritcheson provided an update on the superintendent search. Michelle also asked members for their availability for 2nd round interviews on March 10th or March 8th.

2. Maura Pillsbury reported we are in legislative session and the MSBA legislative committee meets weekly to go over bills. If Board members would like to know MSBA's position on a bill, Maura can find out more information.

Maura also noted members should have received an email from MSBA on infographics and information around intellectual freedom from Educate Maine.

3. Valy Steverlynck asked Superintendent Foley how her letter about the Freeport racial incident will be shared with the community.

B. Finance Committee

C. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of policy GBCC - Employee Use of Cell Phones.
(Steverlynck – Munsen) (11 – 0)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of the 2022-2023 School Calendar.
(Hancock – Galletta) (11 – 0)

B. Presentation of Superintendent's 2022-2023 Recommended Budget.

14. PERSONNEL:

- A. **VOTED:** To employ Cole Phillips as a .5 English Teacher/.5 RTI Teacher at Freeport High School for the 2021-2022 school year (one year position). (Hancock – Cheney) (11 – 0)

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

- VOTED:** To adjourn at 9:03 p.m. (Munsen – Vertenten) (11 – 0)


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools