

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 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 January 26, 2022 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Elisabeth Munsen, Dung Nguyen, Jill Piker, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candace deCsipkes. There was no student representative in attendance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of December 8, 2021 and December 22, 2021 with a revision to Item #10.A.1. of the December 8, 2021 minutes to read as follows: Maddy Vertenten and Maura Pillsbury requested additional information about Responsive Classroom. Suggestion that the Policy Committee review this when updating discipline policies, and that Dr. Foley include resources in an upcoming Board update. (Steverlynck – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Table Item #9.A.

Addition of Item #13.A. Update on the Superintendent Search

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. District Happenings

2. Resignations: Ben Boegehold, FHS English Teacher

Heather Curtis, District Bus Driver and Custodian

Lydia Anderson, DCS Enrichment Teacher (end of the school year)

3. Retirements (effective at the end of the school year unless noted otherwise):

-Anne-Marie Spizzuoco, MSS Kindergarten Teacher

-Nancy Dyer, MSS Educational Technician

-Martha Maguire, FHS Educational Technician

-Priscille Allard, Bus Driver

-Linda Williams, MSS Educational Technician

-Robin Lowell, FMS Custodian (effective January 3, 2022)

-Pauline Gillis, PES Bus Driver and Custodian

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. District Scorecard - Cynthia Alexander & Administrators - This item was tabled.
- B. Update on 2021-2022 District Goals - Becky Foley

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. PERSONNEL:

- A. **VOTED:** To employ Gayle Wolotsky as Director of Technology (Galletta – Cheney) (10 – 0)

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Update on the Superintendent Search - Michelle Ritcheson

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve the following:

- i. Add coverage for its IT director under Regular Plan AC effective February 1, 2022.
- ii. Continue to provide coverage under Regular Plan AC for its food service director, data management specialist/project manager and its non-teacher plan, school support employees who were participating in MainePERS with the Durham School Department immediately before becoming employed by RSU5 on July 1, 2009.
- iii. Authorize the Superintendent to sign the Agreement between RSU5 and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.
- iv. Allow the IT director who is currently employed by RSU5 on February 1, 2022, upon electing to join MainePERS, to purchase credit for past service with RSU5 upon the employee's full payment of all associated costs. RSU5 will not participate in the purchase of past service and so employees are responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service.

(Hancock – Munsen) (10 – 0)

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation Performance Goals. (Hancock – Galletta) (10 – 0)

Time In: 7:22 p.m.

Time Out: 7:58 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:59 p.m. (Steverlynck – Piker) (10 – 0)


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools