

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Library
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 12, 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, Elisabeth Munsen, Dung Nguyen, Jill Piker, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck (left at 9:04 p.m.), Madelyn Vertenten, Piper Williams, Student Representative (left at 8:37 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of November 17, 2021.
(Piker – Steverlynck) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Move Item #13.A. to after Item #8
Addition of an Executive Session

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Boys' Cross Country Class B State Champions
B. Report from Board's Student Representative – Piper Williams

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Freeport - Robert Landry, Peyton Landsbergen, Keigan Shea, Tara McDonald, and Adam Landry

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information
1. District Happenings
Resignation of David Smail, FHS Science Teacher effective January 14, 2022
2. Update on the Freeport High School Scholarship Foundation

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COVID Update - Spectators at Indoor Winter Sports

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Technology Goal Review - Gayle Wolotsky
B. Instructional Support Goal Review - Bonnie Violette

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests:
1. 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.

2. Beth Munsen asked if the office had received her book from the MSBA conference.
3. Candy deCsipkes reported Karin VanNostrand would like to finish out the year on the Region Ten Board.
4. Susana Hancock would like more information on discipline.
5. Jill Piker - Asked about discipline policies.

B. Finance Committee

C. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read on the following policies. (Pillsbury – Nguyen) (10 – 0)

1. BED - Remote Participation in School Board Meetings
2. JL - Student Wellness
3. EFC - Nutrition Services: Meals, Meal Charging and Prohibition Against Food Shaming
(old title - Free and Reduced Price Food Services)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. NESDEC 2021-2022 School-by-School Analysis

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. (Piker – Nguyen) (10 – 0)

Time In: 9:45 p.m.

Time Out: 10:31 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To accept, with regret, the retirement of Becky Foley, effective June 30, 2022.
(Munsen – Piker) (10 – 0)

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:35 p.m. (Pillsbury – Galletta) (10 – 0)


Becky L. Foley, Superintendent of Schools