

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Cafeteria / Hybrid Remote Meeting
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 8, 2021 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes, Lindsey Furtney, Susana Hancock, Angela King-Horne (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Galletta and the Student Representative

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of May 26, 2021. (Pillsbury – Steverlynck) (9 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Item #15. B.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Recognition of Retirees

B. Report from Board's Student Representative - No report

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Lyons, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for information

1. District Happenings

2. 2021-2022 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

3. Resignations/Retirements

-John Curry - MLS Educational Technician (resignation at the end of the school year)

-Joyce May - MSS Educational Technician (retirement effective November 17, 2021)

-Risa Causey - PES Educational Technician (resignation at the end of the school year)

-Jess Wall - MSS Educational Technician (resignation at the end of the school year)

-Jenn Murch - DCS Educational Technician (resignation at the end of the school year)

-Talya Edlund - PK-5 Math Strategist (resignation at the end of the school year)

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read of the following policies. (Munsen – Hancock) (10 – 0)

1. JKD - Suspension of Students
2. JKF - Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 9, 2021 and attached hereto be approved;

That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 5;

That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the Regional School Unit; and

That the foregoing Computation and Declaration shall be signed by a majority of the School Board, and that these signatures may be made electronically, by execution of counterparts, or in person at the convenience of the members of the School Board.

(Hancock – Steverlynck) (10 – 0)

B. VOTED: That the Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year 2021-2022 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 Warrant for Assessment of Tax and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments. (Hancock – Munsen) (10 – 0)

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To authorize the Superintendent to hire staff between June 10, 2021 and the first Board meeting in September 2021. (King-Horne – Steverlynck) (10 – 0)

B. VOTED: 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 FY22 operating budget to another cost center or among other cost centers, provided that the total FY22 fiscal year operating budget shall not be increased by such transfers. (Steverlynck – Hancock) (10 – 0)

C. VOTED: To authorize the following athletic cooperative agreements for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years (two-year cycle). (Pillsbury – King-Horn) (10 – 0)

- A. Nordic Skiing Cooperative Individuals with Brunswick
- B. Girls Ice Hockey Cooperative Team with Yarmouth
- C. Alpine Skiing Cooperative Team with Brunswick
- D. Boys Ice Hockey Cooperative Team with TBD

14. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To appoint Michelle Ritcheson as Chair for the RSU No. 5 Board of Directors (to take effect July 1, 2021) (Munsen - deCsipkes) (10 – 0)

B. VOTED: To appoint Elisabeth Munsen as Vice-Chair for the RSU No. 5 Board of Directors (to take effect July 1, 2021) (Hancock - Vertenten) (10 – 0)

C. VOTED: To add, delete, or consolidate committees and make annual appointments.
(Steverlynck – King-Horne) (10 – 0)

1. Negotiations (Professional) – Hancock, Ritcheson, Galletta
Negotiations (Support) – deCsipkes, Furtney
2. Policy – deCsipkes, Vertenten, Furtney
3. Finance - Clough, Munsen, Ritcheson
4. Strategic Communications Committee - deCsipkes, Steverlynck, Vertenten
5. RSU5 Community Programs Advisory Committee - Pillsbury
6. Maine Region 10 Technical High School Board – deCsipkes, VanNostrand (Community)
7. Dropout Prevention Committee – Furtney
8. Stipend Review Committee – Galletta, Vertenten
9. Student Centered Learning Committee - Vertenten, Munsen
10. Freeport Cable TV Board - Hancock
11. Freeport Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee - Vertenten
12. Safety Committee – Clough, Pillsbury
13. Wellness Committee - Steverlynck
14. School Attorney - Drummond Woodsum
15. School Physician - Dr. Stephanie Phelps

15. PERSONNEL:

VOTED To employ the following teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year
(Vertenten – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

A. Tara Cloutier as a Math Teacher at FHS for the 2021-2022 School Year.

B. Melissa McQuilkin as a Math Teacher at FHS for the 2021-2022 School Year.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. 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. (Furtney – Munsen) (10 – 0)

Time In: 8:33 p.m.

Time Out: 9:07 p.m.

18. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To extend the Superintendent's contract one year until 2024, increase the salary 3% for the 2021-2022 school year beginning July 1, 2021 and increase the annuity by \$3,000.
(Steverlynck – Vertenten) (10 – 0)

19. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:09 p.m. (Pillsbury – Vertenten) (10 – 0)


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools