

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 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 May 12, 2021 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes, Lindsey Furtney, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Angela King-Horne, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, Liam Hornschild-Bear, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of April 14, 2021.

(Furtney – Hancock) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Item #15. B. and C.

Move Item #14.A. and B. after Item #5.

Items #14.A. and B. were moved here.

A. RSU5 Enrollment Study by NESDEC

B. Establishment of a FHS Scholarship - Fred Palmer and John Paterson

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Liam Hornschild-Bear

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for information

1. District Happenings

2. Resignations (effective at the end of the school year)

-Rachel Olson - FHS Social Studies Teacher

-Laura Palacios - FMS Art Teacher

9. PUBLIC INPUT:

A. Public Input on the FY22 Budget

None

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Rick Kusturin

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

Maddy Vertenten mentioned two short plays happening this weekend at FHS.

Maura Pillsbury attended the National School Boards Association Conference and will share information with Board members.

B. Finance Committee

C. Strategic Communications

- Migration of Students

D. Policy Committee

12. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read of the following policies. (Hancock – Furtney) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

1. ACA - Gender Neutral Language (new title Respectful Language)
2. ADC - Tobacco Use and Possession (New title - Tobacco-Free Schools: Use and Possession of Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices)

B. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of the following policies. (Vertenten – Steverlynck) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

1. GBP - Earned Paid Leave
2. JICC - Student Conduct on School Buses
3. JKE - Expulsion of Students
4. JKE-R - Expulsion Guidelines

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RSU5 Enrollment Study by NESDEC - Moved after Item #5

B. Establishment of a FHS Scholarship - Fred Palmer & John Paterson - Moved after Item #5

C. VOTED: To approve an arts education resolution (deCsipkes – King-Horne) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

15. PERSONNEL:

A. VOTED To employ Emily Radziwon as a 7/8 Grade Math Teacher at Durham Community School for the 2021-2022 school year. (Steverlynck – Vertenten) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

B. VOTED To employ Alexander Toole as a Technology Integration Teacher at Freeport High School for the 2021-2022 school year. (Hancock – Munsen) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

C. VOTED To employ Janna Glynn as a Classroom Teacher at Morse Street School for the 2021-2022 school year. (Hancock – Clough) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:38 p.m. (Steverlynck – Pillsbury) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools