

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 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 March 10, 2021 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes, Lindsey Furtney, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock (attended remotely), Angela King-Horne, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury (attended remotely), 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 February 3, 2021 and February 10, 2021.
(Munsen – Furtney) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Table Item # 16.A. and move Item #12. G. after Item #10.C.

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:

Megan Swett - DCS Math Teacher (effective at the end of the school year)

Beth Daniels - DCS Teacher (retirement effective at the end of the school year)

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Rick Kusturin

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

Maddy Vertenten reported she listened in to the Maine Arts and Education Advocacy Day.

Maura Pillsbury reported on the DOE sessions she attended, the MSBA Board meeting and the Regional MSBA meeting.

Michelle Ritcheson reported on attending the Androscoggin County Commissioners meeting on the anti-mask resolution, which did fail.

Jen Galletta provided an update from Region Ten.

- B. Strategic Communications Committee
- C. Policy Committee

Item #12.G. was moved here.

Board Discussion - Results of the Educator Stress Survey

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read of policy BIA - New Board of Directors Member Orientation. (Galletta – Steverlynck) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

B. VOTED: To rescind policy JLF-R - Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect - Administrative Procedure. (Furtney – Munsen) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Budget Update – Becky Foley
- B. School Nutrition - Erin Dow
- C. Technology - Gayle Wolotsky
- D. Facilities and Transportation – Dennis Ouellette
- E. Community Programs – Peter Wagner
- F. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Cynthia Alexander

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Executive Session was tabled.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Administrator negotiations for RSU5.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:53 p.m. (Steverlynck – Vertenten) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.



Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools