

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 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 January 13, 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), Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury (attended remotely), Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, Liam Hornschild-Bear, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of November 18, 2020.

(Steverlynck – Vertenten) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Unfinished Business Item 12A - Consideration of revising the Solar Agreement

Unfinished Business Item 12B - Discussion of hybrid Board meetings

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. FHS Mock Trial Team - State Champions

B. 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:

Jim Grant, Technology Director

Danielle Peterson, FHS Office Secretary

Tracy Soloway, MSS Ed Tech

Derek Cerjanec, Van Driver

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Instructional Support Report/Goal Review - Bonnie Violette

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

Candy deCsipkes provided an update on the Title IX policies.

Jeremy Clough spoke about Esports and video game teams.

Susana Hancock spoke about a new survey discussion and more input from the teachers.
Michelle Ritcheson provided an update on the three-town leadership meeting held last week
Maura Pillsbury provided an MSBA update on paid sick leave and student counts for funding.

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read of Policy JHB-Truancy. (Vertenten – Steverlynck) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: That the Vote entitled, “Vote to Authorize Consent to Assignment and First Amendment to Solar Power Purchase Agreement,” be adopted in form presented to this meeting. (Clough – Munsen) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

B. VOTED: The Board believes that being in person is best but wants to ensure hybrid remote is accessible to any member who has a health concern for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. (Steverlynck – Vertenten) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To add coverage for the position of Food Service Director under its MainePERS, Regular Plan AC effective January 1, 2021 and:

To authorize Superintendent Foley to sign the Amended Agreement between RSU5 and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

To allow its Food Service Director who is currently employed by RSU5 on January 1, 2021, upon electing to join MainePERS, to purchase prior service upon the employee’s full payment of all associated costs. RSU5 will not participate in the purchase of prior service and so the employee is responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service.
(Steverlynck – Vertenten) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:56 p.m. (Furtney – Munsen) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools

December 9, 2020

Motion: I move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize Consent to Assignment and First Amendment to Solar Power Purchase Agreement," be adopted in form presented to this meeting.

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 5
VOTE TO AUTHORIZE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO SOLAR
POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, Regional School Unit No. 5 (the "RSU") authorized the Superintendent to enter into a Solar Power Purchase Agreement on behalf of the RSU with Camden Solar LLC, dated May 18, 2020 (the "PPA") in order to purchase a percentage of the electric energy, net energy billing credits, and related renewable energy credits ("RECs") generated by a solar facility in an amount not to exceed 75% of the RSU's historical annual electricity usage; and

WHEREAS, Camden Solar LLC intends to assign the PPA to Acton H Road Solar 1, LLC ("Acton"), as allowed under and contemplated by Section 19 of the PPA (the "Assignment"); and

WHEREAS, the RSU and Acton both wish to amend the PPA to clarify certain terms of the PPA to reflect the Assignment and to allow the RSU to purchase additional available electric energy, net energy billing credits, and related RECs generated by the Acton solar facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the RSU hereby VOTES, as follows:

1. That, under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S. sections 1001 and 1055, the Superintendent of the RSU is authorized to execute and deliver a Consent to Assignment and First Amendment to Solar Power Purchase Agreement with Acton or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of the RSU, to amend the PPA to purchase additional available electric energy, net energy billing credits, and related RECs generated by the Acton solar facility in a quantity equivalent to not more than 85% of the RSU's historical annual electricity usage, on such terms not inconsistent herewith as the Superintendent may approve;
2. That the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the RSU such other contracts, documents, and certificates as may, in the Superintendent's judgment, be necessary or convenient to effect the transactions authorized by this Vote and qualify the RSU to participate in net energy billing, including without limitation documents required to establish net energy billing pursuant to Title 35-A M.R.S. section 3209-B and Chapter 313 of the Maine Public Utilities Commission's rules, any consent to collateral assignment of the PPA, and any amendments to the RSU's existing electricity supply agreement(s); and
3. That an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

A true copy, attest:


Dr. Becky J. Foley, Secretary
Regional School Unit No. 5