

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Cafeteria
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 December 9, 2020 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Candace deCsipkes, Dwight Ely, Lindsey Furtney, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Elisabeth Munsen, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, Brady Grogan, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Clough, Maura Pillsbury

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of October 28, 2020 and November 4, 2020.
(Hancock – Furtney) (9 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

New Business Item 13 - Hybrid Board Meetings and Solar Agreement Update

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Brady Grogan
- B. Good News from Durham Community School – Will Pidden and Kelli Rogers

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Items for Information
 - 1. District Happenings
 - 2. Resignations: Pierre Martin - Learning Lab Instructor

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. Finance - Rick Kusturin
- B. Durham Community School Goal Review - Will Pidden
- C. Nutrition Report/Goal Review - Erin Dow
- D. Athletics Report/Goal Review - Craig Sickels

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
 - Maddy Vertenten - The FPAC Advisory Committee has met.
 - Michelle Ritcheson - The Board learning opportunity was helpful and appreciates the effort of administration.
- B. Finance Committee
- C. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of the following policy. (Galletta – Steverlynck) (9 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

1. JHB - Truancy

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Workshop on next steps to address staff survey results.

VOTED: To revise the 2020-2021 school calendar by adding two Early Release Days on Friday, December 11, 2020 and Friday, January 15, 2021 (Steverlynck – Galletta) (9 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

VOTED: To continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. (Steverlynck – Hancock) (7 – 2 Munsen, Vertenten)

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hybrid Board Meetings

B. Solar Agreement Update

VOTED: To authorize the superintendent to enter into a Consent to Assignment and First Amendment agreement with Acton H Road Solar 1 LLC (Soltage) on such terms as the superintendent, in consultation with legal counsel, deems appropriate. (Hancock – Munsen) (9 – 0)

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marie Wendt, Pownal

Geoff Dyhrberg, RSU5 FHS teacher

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:21 p.m. (Hancock – Munsen) (9 – 0)



Becky J. Koley, Superintendent of Schools