

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Library
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 February 28, 2018 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Brown, Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Naomi Ledbetter, John Morang, Michelle Ritcheson, Lindsay Sterling, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, Sarah Woodard (arrived at 7:40 p.m. left at 10:06 p.m.)
Also in attendance was Ben Morang, Student Representative.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

5. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Maine Scholastics Art & Writing Competition—Gold & Silver Key Awards and Honorable Mention

B. Report from Board's Student Representative – Ben Morang reported on happenings at Freeport High School.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. VOTED: To enter into Executive Session regarding a student matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(B). (Ledbetter – Vertenten) (10 – 0)

Time In: 6:40 p.m.

Time Out: 7:13 p.m.

7. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. VOTED: Having received satisfactory evidence that the behavior causing a student to be removed from school is not likely to recur, I move pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. Section 1001(9) to readmit the student. (Vertenten – Galletta) (10 – 0)

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Workshop: Budget Review

1. Durham Community School – Will Pidden
2. Freeport Middle School – Ray Grogan
3. Freeport High School – Jen Gulko

B. VOTED: To approve Policy CBI – Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools (2nd Read) (Ledbetter – Steverlynck) (11 – 0). The student representative voted with the majority.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2018-2019 Freeport High School Program of Studies – Jen Gulko

B. VOTED: To change the March 16, 2018 Professional Learning Day to a student day on the 2017-2018 school calendar. (Ledbetter – Brown) (11 – 0). The student representative voted with the majority.

C. VOTED: To approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar (1st Read) (Ledbetter – Galletta) (11 – 0). The student representative voted with the majority.

D. Motion to consider approval for 1st Read of the Class Size Policy as amended:
(Steverlynck – Morang)

Paragraphs 1 and 2 stay the same.

Chart changes:

K-2, 18 to 1

3-5, 20 to 1

6-8, 21-1

Paragraphs 4 and 5 stay the same

Paragraph 6 changes:

Strike out: clearly;

Strike out: (by 2 or more students)

Add: “above ratios” after the word exceeds

Add: “and the Board” after in consultation with

Strike out: “No action required;”

Strike out: “or”

Add: “or” to Canceling the course;

Add: “Taking no action”

Paragraph 7 is deleted.

Steverlynck amended her first motion to consider approval for 1st Read of the Class Size Policy and withdrew her first motion. (Steverlynck – Morang)

Paragraphs 1 and 2 stay the same.

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Paragraphs 4 and 5 stay the same

Paragraph 6 changes:

Strike out: clearly;

Strike out: (by 2 or more students)

Add: “above ratios” after the word exceeds

Removed the addition of: “and the Board” after in consultation with

Strike out: “No action required;”

Strike out: “or”

Add: "or" to Canceling the course;
Add: "Taking no action"
Paragraph 7 stays the same.

(Steverlynck – Morang) (5 – 5) (490 – 410 Ritcheson, Galletta, deCsipkes, Ledbetter, Brown)

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THIS ITEM WAS TABLED

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.

13. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

14. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:20 p.m. (Ledbetter – Galletta) (10 – 0)


Becky J. Foley
Superintendent of Schools