

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
Pownal Elementary 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 November 9, 2022 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Elisabeth Munsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Jill Piker (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Maura Pillsbury (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Madelyn Vertenten, Valy Steverlynck, and Piper Williams, Student Representative (arrived at 6:46 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Ritcheson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of October 12, 2022 (Galletta – Steverlynck) (7 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

One additional resignation to report under Item #8.A.2.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative – Piper Williams

B. Good News from Pownal Elementary School - Holly Johnson

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tara McDonald, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. District Happenings

2. Resignations:

Paul St. Pierre - Maintenance, Fields and Grounds

Traci Beaulieu - Bus Driver

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Peggy Brown

B. Pownal Elementary School Goal Review - Holly Johnson

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests:

- Valy Steverlynck spoke about privacy when communicating; school capacity concerns now that the Town of Freeport is moving towards a residential downtown; loss of Challenge Day at Freeport High School; and adding

composting and conversion to propane appliances to the Sustainability Committee agenda.

- Susana Hancock spoke about the privacy aspect of communications; would like a discussion on grants added to the Sustainability Committee agenda; and would like more information on safety drills and our communication to parents.
- Maura Pillsbury and Colin Cheney reported on the Delegate Assembly. All resolutions passed except the resolution about public comment.
- Maddy Vertenten mentioned that there will be a session on public comment at the MSMA conference; acknowledged this is Valy's last meeting and she is grateful for her level of thoughtful dialogue; and she would like to see Challenge Day brought back to the high school.
- Piper Williams spoke about Challenge Day and how she has heard it helps students bond with each other.

B. Finance Committee

C. Strategic Communications

D. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of the following policies: (Galletta – Kaikini) (10 – 0)
The Student Representative voted with the majority.

JLCD - Administration of Medication to Students

GCFB - Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:38 p.m. (Hancock – Pillsbury) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools