

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Durham Community School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes**

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Dine and Discuss with Board members on FY20 Budget

(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 May 8, 2019 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Brown, Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Erica Giddinge (left at 9:25 p.m.), John Morang, Maura Pillsbury (arrived at 6:57 p.m.), Michelle Ritcheson, Lindsay Sterling, Valeria Steverlynck (left at 8:35 p.m.), Madelyn Vertenten. Also in attendance, Rhea Fitzpatrick, Student Representative.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the Minutes of March 20, 2019 and March 27, 2019 as presented. (Steverlynck - Sterling) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Request for funding for OM Team to go to the Worlds (after Item 6.F.)

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Board's Student Representative
- B. MLS – 1st Place Math Team
- C. FHS Latin 1 Team – 1st Place Certamen Award
- D. FHS - Maine Disabilities Council – 1st and 2nd Place Art Awards
- E. FHS – Maine Junior Duck Stamp Competition – Best in Show
- F. FHS – Maine Donate Life Poster Design Competition Awards

Adjustment to the Agenda Item

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by deCsipkes to provide \$5,000 for the second place Durham Community School Odyssey of the Mind Team to go to the World Finals.

An amendment was made by Vertenten, seconded by Morang to lower the amount to \$2,500. 4 – 6 (Pillsbury, Galletta, Brown, Clough, deCsipkes, Sterling) – 1 Abstension (Ritcheson)
Amendment Fails.

The student representative voted with the minority.

VOTE On Main Motion: To provide \$5,000 for the second place Durham Community School Odyssey of the Mind Team to go to the World Finals. 6 – 4 (Vertenten, Giddinge, Morang, Steverlynck) – 1 Abstension (Ritcheson)

The student representative voted with the minority

G. Good News from Durham Community School – Will Pidden (10 Minutes)

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Item 14. A. taken out of order

14. PERSONNEL:

A. **VOTED:** To employ Conor Walsh as a .8 Time Assistant Principal for the 2019-2020 school year. (Steverlynck – Sterling) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

None

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Migration of Students & Student Exit Survey

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **VOTED:** That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be called for May 22, 2019 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. (Vertenten – Giddinge) (11 – 0)
The student representative voted with the majority.

B. **VOTED:** That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be called for June 11, 2019 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and considering whether to continue the budget validation referendum process. (Vertenten – Lindsay) (11 – 0)
The student representative voted with the majority.

C. **VOTED:** That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit be authorized and directed to complete said Notice in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 22, 2019, and to cause copies of said Notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 11, 2019 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum.
(Vertenten – Sterling) (11 – 0)
The student representative voted with the majority.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

Items 13 A. and B. were taken out of order

B. **VOTED:** To approve the Peer Mentor and Support Handbook. (Sterling – deCsipkes) (10 – 0)

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Local Credentialing Committee Handbook. (Clough – Brown) (10 – 0)

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. (Brown – deCsipkes)(10 – 0)

Time In: 9:30 a.m.

Time Out: 10:00 a.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:00 p.m. (Pillsbury – Vertenten) (9 – 0).


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools