

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 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 June 9, 2021 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes, Lindsey Furtney, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock (attended remotely), Angela King-Horne, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, Liam Hornschild-Bear, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. VOTED: To open the Public Hearing on the Proposed School Budget for FY22.
(Steverlynck – Vertenten) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

Chair Ritcheson provided the public with an overview of the proposed budget. The following RSU5 citizen spoke:
Jody James, Freeport

B. VOTED: To close the Public Hearing on the Proposed School Budget for FY22.
(King-Horne – Pillsbury) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of May 12, 2021.
(Clough – Vertenten) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

6. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Item #14. B. - Senior Project presentation by Kevin Ng
Addition of Item #15. C,D,E - Staff hires
Addition of an Executive Session to discuss educator negotiations

7. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. Maine Music Educators Association Outstanding Administrator Award - Becky Foley
- B. Cumberland County Teacher of the Year - Paige Fournier
- C. Maine Principals' Association Principal Award - Liam Hornschild-Bear
- D. National Program of Excellence Award: Gold Level - FHS Yearbook
- E. National Cyber Scholar - Dena Arrison
- F. Report from Board's Student Representative - Liam Hornschild-Bear

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

9. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for information

1. District Happenings
2. Resignations (effective at the end of the school year)
 - Alexis Rog - FHS Guidance Counselor
 - Maddie Reaves - FHS Math Teacher

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Rick Kusturin

14. B. Adjustment to the Agenda added here:

Senior Project Presentation by Kevin Ng

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

Maura reported the last Regional MSBA Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance and mentioned the update that was on the agenda regarding a Broadband initiative on MLTI 2.0. The technology educators are trying to form coalitions to create their own utility with municipalities for low-cost broadband. Maura also requested an agenda item on curriculum.

B. Policy Committee

12. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read of the following policies. (Vertenten – Steverlynck) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

1. GBP - Earned Paid Leave
2. JICC - Student Conduct on School Buses
3. JKE - Expulsion of Students
4. JKE-R-Expulsion Guidelines (Expulsion Administrative Procedures new title)

B. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of the following policies. (Munsen – Clough) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

1. JKD - Suspension of Students
2. JKF - Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Discussion regarding potential additional subsidy for FY22.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To revise the Principal Evaluation Handbook. (Pillsbury – Munsen) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

15. PERSONNEL:

VOTED To employ the following teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year (King-Horne – Pillsbury) (11 – 0)

- A. Rodrigo Palacios as a .6 Spanish Teacher at FMS for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- B. Rosalyn Moisan as an Art Teacher at FMS for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- C. Tyler Tracy as a Physical Education and Health Teacher at FHS for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- D. Megan Huckins as a Special Education Teacher at MLS for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- E. Ariel Soleil as a Science Teacher at FHS for the 2021-2022 School Year (one year only).

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION (adjustment to the agenda)

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Educator Negotiations for RSU No. 5. (Vertenten – Steverlynck) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

Time In: 9:23 p.m.

Time Out: 9:51 p.m.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To ratify the Coastal Education Association Bargaining Agreement September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2024. (Furtney – Munsen) (11 – 0)

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. (Steverlynck – Vertenten) (11 – 0)

Time In: 9:52 p.m.

Time Out: 10:51 p.m.

18. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

19. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:52 p.m. (Steverlynck – Pillsbury) (11 – 0)


Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools