

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.  
Morse Street 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 October 14, 2020 meeting).

**1. CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes, Dwight Ely, Lindsey Furtney, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Elisbeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, Liam Hornschild-Bear, Student Representative  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

**A. VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of September 9, 2020. (Steverlynck - Galletta) (11 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

**5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Table Item 13. B. and move Item 12. A. after Item 7.

**6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:**

- A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Liam Hornschild-Bear
- B. Good News from Morse Street School – Julie Nickerson

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sarah Tracy, Freeport

**Item 12.A. taken out of order**

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Extra-Curricular Activities - Update

**8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:**

- A. Items for Information
  - 1. District Happenings
  - 2. Resignations/Summer Professional Hires
  - 3. September 2020 School Enrollments
  - 4. MSMA Fall Conference

**9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**

- A. Finance - Rick Kusturin
- B. Morse Street School Goal Review - Julie Nickerson
- C. Freeport High School Goal Review - Jen Gulko

**10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests**

Maddy Vertenten - Requested Superintendent Foley inform the superintendent group that the Board is writing a letter regarding music.

**B. Finance Committee**

**C. Policy Committee**

**11. POLICY REVIEW:**

**A. VOTED:** To approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Read of the following policies:

(Munsen - Steverlynck) (10 - 1 Vertenten)

1. AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
2. ACAA Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
3. ACAA-R Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
4. ACAB Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
5. ACAB-R Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**B.** A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by deCsipkes to approve participation in fall sports following the CDC/DOE guidelines.

An amendment was made by Steverlynck, seconded by Vertenten to add "except for moderate risk sports." at the end of the sentence. (1 – 10 Clough, deCsipkes, Ely, Furtney, Galletta, Hancock, Munsen, Pillsbury, Ritcheson, Vertenten) Amendment Fails

**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:** 10 - 1 Steverlynck

**VOTED:** To continue the meeting after 10:00 p.m. (Vertenten - Steverlynck) (11 – 0)

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Consideration and approval of a delegate and alternate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly at the Annual Fall Conference. **This item was tabled.**

**B.** Discussion of the MSBA 2020 Proposed Resolutions. **This item was tabled.**

**C. VOTED:** To approve the charge of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee. (Vertenten – Pillsbury) (11 – 0).

**14. PERSONNEL:**

**A. VOTED:** To employ Lana O'Shea as a .5 ESL Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. (Munsen – Steverlynck) (11 – 0).

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

**VOTED:** To adjourn at 10:40 p.m. (Galletta– Vertenten) (11 – 0)



Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools