

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
Durham Community 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 December 14, 2022 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

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

- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Jill Piker, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink (arrived at 6:37 p.m.), Madelyn Vertenten, and Piper Williams, Student Representative
MEMBERS ABSENT: Susana Hancock, Maura Pillsbury

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of November 9, 2022 (Cheney – Munsen) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Item #14.A. Personnel
Table Item #13.A. New Business

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Board's Student Representative – Piper Williams
- B. Good News from Durham Community School - Will Pidden

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Heather Roy, Durham

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Items for Information
 - 1. District Happenings
 - 2. Resignations: Julie McCabe - DCS Social Studies Teacher

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. Finance - Peggy Brown
- B. Nutrition Goal Review - Erin Dow
- C. Athletics Goal Review - Craig Sickels
- D. Durham Community School Goal Review - Will Pidden

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
 - Jen Galletta would like to see ALICE training updates.

- Colin Cheney inquired about the context for sharing wellness; reported on a session from the MSMA given by NAMI about suicide prevention and the higher incidences of bullying toward students that are of color, or LGBTQ+.
- Maddy Vertenten encouraged all new members to attend the MSMA conference next fall; commented on a NAMI session she attended and the importance of sharing your pronouns.
- Elisabeth Munsen echoed Maddy's comments about attending the MSMA fall conference.

B. Finance Committee

C. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of the following policies:

(Munsen – Vertenten) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

GBN - Family and Medical Leave

ACAB - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees

ACAB-R-Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure

B. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read of the following policies:

(Cheney – Munsen) (8 – 1 Sink) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

JLCD - Administration of Medication to Students

GCFB - Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NA

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. School Finance/Cost Sharing 101 - **This Item was Tabled**

14. PERSONNEL:

VOTED: To employ Sean Kirk as Director of Facilities and Transportation.


(Vertenten – Kaikini) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:16 p.m. (Piker – deCsipkes) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools