

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 14, 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 April 28, 2021 meeting).

**1. CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes, Lindsey Furtney, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Angela King-Horne, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** There was no student representative in attendance.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Item #14 A. was moved here**

**14. A. Covid Q & A -** Erika Penrod and Lizzie Garnatz from the Maine CDC

**4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

**A. VOTED:** To approve the minutes of March 17, 2021 and March 24, 2021.  
(Clough – Steverlynck) (11 – 0)

**5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Move Item #14.A. after Item #3

**6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:**

**A. Report from Board's Student Representative -** No report

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:**

**A. Resignations (effective at the end of the school year)**  
-Taylor Marshall - DCS 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher  
-Jill Marsanskis - DCS .5 Literacy Specialist  
-Matt Halpern - MSS Kindergarten Teacher  
-Steven Moore - FHS Science Teacher and Ed Tech

**9. PUBLIC INPUT:**

**A. Public Input on the FY22 Budget**  
None

**10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**

None

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

None

**12. POLICY REVIEW:**

None

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. VOTED:** To amend the March 24, 2021 FY22 Board Adopted Budget by reducing Article 3 - Career and Technical Education by \$38,619.00. The revised total of Article 3 will be \$142,979.00. (Hancock – Munsen) (11 – 0)

**B. VOTED** That the Vote entitled, “Vote to Call a Regional School Unit Budget Referendum, Call a Public Hearing, Approve the Referendum Warrants, and Approve the Notice of Public Hearing,” be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting. (Hancock – Munsen) (11 – 0)

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Covid Q & A** - Erika Penrod and Lizzie Garnatz from the Maine CDC - This item was moved after Item #3

**B. Board Discussion on Staff Appreciation**

**VOTED** That the Board provide a gift for RSU5 employees as discussed at this meeting in the amount of \$300.00. (Steeverlynck – Vertenten) (11 – 0)

**15. PERSONNEL:**

**A. VOTED** To employ Mary Beth Steinher as a second grade teacher at Durham Community School for the 2021-2022 school year. (Hancock – Furtney) (11 – 0)

**B. VOTED** To employ Stephanie Lewia as a school psychologist for the 2021-2022 school year. (Steeverlynck – King-Horne) (11 – 0)

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

**VOTED:** To adjourn at 7:49 p.m. (Hancock – Munsen) (11 – 0)



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Becky J. Poley, Superintendent of Schools

April 14th, 2021

**Motion:** I move that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call a Regional School Unit Budget Referendum, Call a Public Hearing, Approve the Referendum Warrants, and Approve the Notice of Public Hearing," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

**VOTE TO CALL A REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET REFERENDUM, CALL A PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVE THE REFERENDUM WARRANTS, AND APPROVE THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Whereas, pursuant to Governor's Executive Orders #8 & #8A FY20/21, the Regional School Unit budget meeting is suspended and replaced by a remote public hearing and the proposed budget submitted to referendum, and whereas the School Board has approved a proposed budget and other articles for submission to the voters of the Regional School Unit; now therefore be it

**VOTED:** That the Warrants and Notices of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Referendum presented to this meeting be approved, and that a Regional School Unit Budget Referendum be called for June 8th, 2021 for the purpose of submitting the fiscal year 2021-2022 school budget and other fiscal matters to the voters of the Regional School Unit for approval, as set forth in the Warrants and Notices of Election;

That the Notice of Public Hearing presented to this meeting be approved, and that a public hearing consisting of, both, remote and in-person participants be called for May 26th, 2021 for consideration of and comment on the fiscal year 2021-2022 school budget and other fiscal matters to be submitted to the Regional School Unit voters at the June 8, 2021 Regional School Unit Budget Referendum; and

That the Warrants and Notices of Election and the Notice of Public Hearing shall each be signed by a majority of the School Board, and that such signatures may be made electronically, by execution of counterparts, or in person at the convenience of the members of the School Board.

A true copy as adopted by a majority of the School Board, attest:

  
Becky Foley, Secretary

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the April 14th, 2021 meeting of the Regional School Unit No. 5 School Board was:  
[check one box]

- ☒ conducted as a public meeting with no Board members participating remotely; or
- ☐ conducted through telephonic, video, electronic, or other similar means of remote and/or in-person participation, and that the Board's vote on the matter attested to above was taken by roll call as follows: