

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Pownal Elementary School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes
6:00-6:30 p.m. Q&A with Board Members on FY17 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 April 27, 2016 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Brogan, Kathryn Brown, Jeremy Clough, Naomi Ledbetter, John Morang, Beth Parker, Brian Pike, Michelle Ritcheson, Lindsay Sterling

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candace deCsipkes, Valeria Steverlynck

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Remal, Freeport

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Coordinating Student Transitions Between Schools – Nancy Drolet spoke about the transition program between middle level students and high school. The program will be expanded to include other grades.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Items for Information

1. Retirements (effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year)
 - a) Lise Dunn – MLS Music Teacher
 - b) Sally Martin – MLS Classroom Teacher

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED: (1)** That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be and is hereby called for May 25, 2016 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. (Pike – Sterling) (9 – 0)
- B. **VOTED: (2)** That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be and is hereby approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be and is hereby called for June 14, 2016 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. (Pike – Brogan) (9 – 0)

- C. **VOTED: (3)** That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be and is hereby approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the Regional School Unit is hereby authorized and directed to complete said Notice by adding the amounts approved by the voters for each expenditure category and the total school budget summary expenditure amount, all in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 25, 2016, 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 14, 2016 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum. (Pike – Clough) (9 – 0)
- D. **VOTED: (4)** Consideration of action that pursuant to section 1485(4) of Title 20-A, the Finance Committee be authorized to transfer not more than 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center in the FY17 operating budget to another cost center or among other cost centers, provided that the total FY17 fiscal year operating budget shall not be increased by such transfers. (Brown – Morang) (9 – 0)

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED: (5)** To approve a one-year unpaid leave of absence for the 2016-2017 school year for Becky Christie. (Ledbetter – Pike) (9 – 0)
- B. **VOTED: (6)** To employ Rachel Lawson as the FHS/FMS Choral Music Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. (Sterling – Ledbetter) (9 – 0)
- C. **VOTED: (7)** To employ Shawn McKeown as the Freeport High School Instrumental Music Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. (Brogan – Sterling) (9 – 0)
- D. **VOTED: (8)** To employ Melissa Wetherell as a Durham Community School Grade 2 Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. (Pike – Sterling) (9 – 0)
- E. **VOTED: (9)** To employ Anna Warren as a Morse Street School Grade 1 Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. (Brown – Morang) (9 – 0)
- F. **VOTED: (10)** To extend the term of the following Administrator contracts for one year: Will Pidden, Beth Willhoite, Ray Grogan, Lisa Demick, Brian Campbell, Julie Nickerson, Jen Gulko, Hiram Sibley, Emily Grimm, Bonnie Violette, Dennis Ouellette, Craig Sickels, Seth Thompson, Kelly Wentworth, Kim Austin and David Watts. (Pike – Ledbetter) (9 – 0)

X. WORKSHOP:

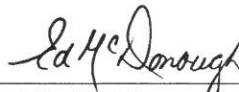
- A. Migration of Students In and Out of the RSU – Board members reviewed information on students attending schools outside of the RSU and discussed creating a survey to find out why students leave.
- B. Update on School Board Goals – Board members reviewed work on the 2015-2016 goals.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marcia Bowen, Pownal

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (11) To adjourn at 7:59 p.m. (Ledbetter – Sterling) (9 – 0)



Edward R. McDonough
Superintendent of Schools

