

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High 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 November 18, 2020 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeremy Clough, Candace deCsipkes (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Dwight Ely, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, Liam Hornschild-Bear, Student Representative
MEMBERS ABSENT: Lindsey Furtney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the Minutes of October 14, 2020. (Clough - Pillsbury) (9 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Move Item 9.C. to the November 4th meeting
2. Add Item 13.A. - Snow Day
3. Add a new Item 16 - Executive Session

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. State Class B Golf Champions
- B. Report from Board's Student Representative - Liam Hornschild-Bear
- C. Good News from Pownal Elementary School – Lisa Demick

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Items for Information**
1. District Happenings
 2. Resignations:
 Leanne Swilley - Bus Driver

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. Finance - Rick Kusturin
- B. Pownal Elementary School Goal Review - Lisa Demick
- C. Capital Improvement Plan/Goal Review - Dennis Ouellette - **This item was moved to the November 4th meeting**

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
 - Maura Pillsbury - New Freeport housing development, there is a meeting on November 4th.
 - Maddy Vertenten - Teacher survey information, definition of synchronous learning, data on Frontline tool and follow-up procedures.
- B. Finance Committee
- C. Strategic Communications
- D. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. **VOTED:** To rescind the following policies. (Steverlynck – Hancock) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.
 - 1. JJIAA-E1-Private School Student Application for Participation in RSU5 CoCurricular Activities
 - 2. JJIAA-E2-Private School Student Application For Participation In Extracurricular Activities
 - 3. JJIAA-E3-Verification of Private School Student Eligibility For Participation in RSU5 CoCurricular Activities
 - 4. JJIAA-E4 Verification of Private School Student Eligibility For Participation in RSU5 ExtraCurricular Activities

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To appoint members to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (Munsen – Vertenten) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.
- B. Discussion on the 2021-2022 School Calendar

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Snow day discussion
 - VOTED:** To approve the remote learning day for inclement weather for this school year. (Steverlynck – Vertenten) (10 – 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

14. PERSONNEL:

- A. **VOTED:** To employ Jacob Willett as a social Studies Teacher at Freeport High School for the 2020-2021 School Year (one-year position) (Steverlynck – Pillsbury) (9 – 0) Susana Hancock was out of the room. The student representative voted with the majority.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sarah Kelley, Freeport
- Nicole Goodrich, Freeport

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session to discuss labor contracts and proposals pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) (Munsen - Hancock) (10 - 0) The student representative voted with the majority.

Time In: 9:02 p.m.

Time Out: 9:35 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. VOTED: To approve the establishment of a COVID-19 sick bank. (Ely - Steverlynck) (10 - 0)

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:35 p.m. (Hancock – Munsen) (10 – 0)



Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools