

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 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 8, 2021 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Elisabeth Munsen, Jill Piker, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dung Nguyen. There was no student representative in attendance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of October 27, 2021 and November 3, 2021.
(Steverlynck – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Board's Student Representative – Superintendent Foley provided the report.
- B. Good News from Durham Community School – Will Pidden and Kelli Rogers

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

- 1. District Happenings
- 2. Resignations: Rick Kusturin, Director of Finance and Human Resources
Ryan Redka, MSS Educational Technician
Willam Allen, FHS Educational Technician

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. Finance - Rick Kusturin
- B. Nutrition Program Goal Review - Erin Dow
- C. Athletic Program 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:

- 1. Candy deCsipkes reported on happenings at Region Ten:
 - Brunswick School Department is going to continue with oversight of Region Ten's Business Office functions, as they were unable to hire a Business Manager;

- Hiring of a new Superintendent;
- Candy is on Region Ten's Policy Committee;
- Suggested Karin VanNostrand present to the RSU5 Board.

2. Valy Steverlynck asked for an update on finding a consultant to review the cost sharing formula.

- B. Strategic Communications Committee
- C. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 1st Read on Policies JL-Student Wellness, EFC-Free and Reduced Price Food Services, and BED-Remote Participation in School Board Meetings. In addition, rescind Policy EFC-R-Free and Reduced Price Food Services Procedures and Table ACAF - Workplace Bullying. (Steverlynck – Hancock) (10 – 0)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To change the DEI and Sustainability Advisory Committees to District Committees (Hancock – Vertenten) (10 – 0)

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To appoint members to committees as follows: (Pillsbury – Steverlynck) (10 – 0)

- 1. Finance Committee - Dung Nguyen
- 2. Dropout Prevention (BOOST) - Jill Piker
- 3. Support Negotiations - Dung Nguyen
- 4. Policy Committee - Colin Cheney
- 5. Safety Committee - Colin Cheney
- 6. DEI Committee - Colin Cheney

15. PERSONNEL:

None

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:11 p.m. (Hancock – Munsen) (10 – 0)



Becky J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools