

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 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 March 9, 2022 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Susana Hancock, Elisabeth Munsen, Dung Nguyen, Jill Piker, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Valeria Steverlynck, Madelyn Vertenten, and Brady Grogan, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of February 2, 2022. (Vertenten – Hancock) (11 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative – Brady Grogan

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Durham - Michelle Allen, Miles Allen, Jess Gabbard, Dane Gabbard, Cole Bowdich, Wes Bowdich, Shannon Fitzpatrick, AJ Fitzpatrick, Chris Pulk, Marissa Freeman, Alyssa O'Brien, Jessica Conley, Michael Clarke

Freeport - Jackie Priestly, Craig Priestly, Reina Anderson, Sadie Anderson, Cheryl Osterman

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. District Happenings

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Peggy Brown

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests:

1. Maddy Vertenten - Appreciates the work of the Board Chair and Superintendent.

2. Maura Pillsbury - MSBA meeting heard from chairs of the Education Committee about priorities. Maura also requested police presence at the next school board meeting.

3. Michelle Ritcheson asked Superintendent Foley to schedule another Q&A at 6:00 p.m.

4. Candy deCsipkes - Region 10 meeting is coming up. They are looking to create a four year high school. They are still working on their budget.

- B. Finance Committee
- C. Strategic Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. VOTED:** To approve 2nd Read of policy GBCC - Employee Use of Cell Phones.
(Hancock – Munsen) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Budget Review:

1. Budget Update - Becky Foley
2. Technology - Gayle Wolotsky
3. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Cynthia Alexander
4. Nutrition - Erin Dow
5. Community Programs - Peter Wagner
6. Facilities and Transportation - Dennis Ouellette

- B.** A motion was made by Steverlynck, seconded by Pillsbury to approve 2nd Read of the 2022-2023 School Calendar.

An amendment was made to approve the proposed calendar without the two additional Early Release Days on January 13, 2023 and March 16, 2023 (Vertenten - Steverlynck) (11 - 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

VOTED: Main Motion as Amended: 11 - 0 The Student Representative voted with the majority.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:


None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:54 p.m. (Hancock – Galletta) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.


Becky L. Foley, Superintendent of Schools