RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Library
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 9, 2015 meeting).

CALLED TO ORDER:
Vice Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IV. MINUTES:

A. VOTED: (1) To approve the Minutes of October 28, 2015. (Parker – Steverlynck) (9 – 0: 2 Abstentions Brogan and Clough Reason: Not a member of the Board on October 28, 2015)

VOTED: (2) To approve the Minutes of November 4, 2015. (Parker – Steverlynck) (11 – 0)

V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Amended Agenda to reflect Unfinished Business A.

VI. GOOD NEWS & RECOGNITION:
A. Report from FHS Student Government – No Report
B. National Merit Commended Student – Madeleine Squibb was recognized for her accomplishment.
C. Boys Cross Country Team – MPA Class B State Champions – The boys were recognized for their performance at the State meet.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Chris Grimes, Freeport

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:
A. Items for Information
   1. Board and Administrator, November 2015
   2. Professional Learning Communities: Key Questions and Example
   3. Moors & Cabot information on FHS project savings
B. Administrator Reports
   1. Morse Street School – Julie Nickerson, Principal
      Ms. Nickerson reported on school highlights, upcoming events and the work staff is doing on SMART Goals.
2. Freeport High School – Brian Campbell, Principal
   Mr. Campbell reported on school highlights and the work the High School staff is doing on SMART Goals.
3. Athletics – Craig Sickels, Director
   Mr. Sickels reported on fall participation numbers and accomplishments.
4. Finance – Kelly Wentworth, Director
   Ms. Wentworth provided an update on finances.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: (3) To approve delaying awarding Proficiency Based Diplomas.
   (Morang – Steverlynck) (11 – 0)

B. Discussion of Maine Region Ten Technical High School
   John Morang provided the Board with an update on recent action taken by the Region Ten Board.

C. VOTED: (4) To approve the following Policies (2nd Read: Packet #2)
   1. JLF – Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
   2. JLF-R – Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect – Administrative Procedure
   3. EBAA – Chemical Hazards
   4. ECB – Pest Management in School Facilities and on School Grounds
   5. IGA – Curriculum Development and Adoption

   (Pike – Sterling) (11 – 0)

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: (5) To approve the following stipend positions:

   1. Middle School Green/Environmental Team
   2. Middle School Writing Club
   3. Middle School Coding Club
   4. Mast Landing Drama Club
   5. Mast Landing Student Council
   6. District Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator
   7. Ropes Course Coordinator (2 positions)
   8. K-8 Music Enrichment (4 positions)
   9. K-8 Art Enrichment (4 positions)
   10. Chair of Professional Certification Committee
   11. FMS/FHS Band Director (split into two positions)
   12. FHS Band Director

   (Sterling – Ledbetter) (11 – 0)

B. VOTED: (6) To appoint Michelle Ritcheson as Chair for RSU No. 5 Board of Directors
   (effective for the December 9, 2015 meeting). (Ledbetter – deCsipkes) (11 – 0)
VOTED: (7) To appoint Beth Parker as Vice-Chair for RSU No. 5 Board of Directors (effective for the December 9, 2015 meeting). (deCspkes – Steverlynck) (11 – 0)

C. VOTED: (8) To appoint Jeremy Clough to the Safety Committee. (Brown – Steverlynck) (11 – 0)

XI. BOARD COMMENTS (REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES):

A. Strategic Communications – Candy deCspkes provided the Board with a summary of the November 5, 2015 meeting.
B. Leadership Meeting – Michelle Ritcheson provided an update on the three town leadership meeting. Efficiencies, RSU5 budget calendar and additional meetings were discussed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: (9) To adjourn at 9:30 p.m. (Ledbetter – Pike) (11 – 0)

Edward R. McDonough
Superintendent of Schools