

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 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 February 8, 2023 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Jennifer Galletta, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink, Madelyn Vertenten, and Piper Williams, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susana Hancock, Jill Piker

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the minutes of January 11, 2023.

(Cheney – Munsen) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative – Piper Williams

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. District Happenings

2. Resignations: Katy Bizier, Adult Education Coordinator

Ray Soucy, Custodian

Jamie Palanza, Food Service Assistant

Christine MacDonald, MLS STEM Teacher (end of the school year)

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Peggy Brown

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests:

Maura Pillsbury:

- Attended the MSBA regional meeting.
- Met with Commissioner Makin at the monthly MSBA meeting.
- Received our first Bill update.

- Interested in a curriculum workshop next year and being involved in curriculum development.

Kara Kaikini:

- Interested in more curriculum updates
- A high school student is now a Board member of Meeting House Arts
- March is Youth Art Month. There is a gallery show at Meeting House Arts the last week in March.
- Freeport is holding a workshop February 6th regarding sea level rise.

Kelly Sink:

- The Freeport Conservation Trust are looking for high schoolers to get involved with some small projects.

B. Strategic Communications

C. Finance Committee

D. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of the following policies (Kaikini – Sink) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

IHBAC - Child Find

JRA - Student Education Records and Information

B. VOTED: To approve 2nd Read of the following policies (Vertenten – Pillsbury) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

IHBEA - Program for Multilingual Learners

IHBEA-R - LAU Plan

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To approve 1st Read of the 2023-2024 School Calendar to include December 22, 2023 (Vertenten – deCsipkes) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. (Munsen – Sink) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

Time In: 8:36 p.m.

Time Out: 9:15 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To approve a one year sabbatical leave for Alex Briasco-Brin. (Munsen – Kaikini) (9 – 0)

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:16 p.m. (Sink – Pillsbury) (9 – 0)



Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools