

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 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 April 12, 2023 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

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

- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Candace deCsipkes, Susana Hancock, Jennifer Galletta, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Paul Schulz, Kelly Sink, Madelyn Vertenten. Student Representative Piper Williams was in attendance
MEMBERS ABSENT: Colin Cheney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Ritcheson thanked Jen Galletta for her years of service as a member of the RSU5 Board of Directors.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. VOTED: To approve the Minutes of March 8, 2023.

(Hancock – Vertenten) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Additional staff under Item #8.A.2

Additional hires under Item #15

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/Retirement:

Emily Radziwon - DCS Math Teacher

Chelsea Nugent - DCS .5 RTI Teacher

Connor Chess - FMS Ed Tech

Todd Koenig - FMS Computer Technician

Craig Sickels - Athletic Director (retirement)

3. Update on the FY24 Budget

9. PUBLIC INPUT ON THE FY24 BUDGET:

None

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Peggy Brown

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

Jen Galletta provided an update on the Region 10 budget and HVAC program.

Kara Kaikini mentioned the Meeting House Arts event this weekend. Asked for an update on ALICE training at FHS and FMS.

B. Finance Committee

C. Policy Committee

12. POLICY REVIEW:

None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To approve the FY24 Superintendent's Recommended Budget.

(Galletta – Pillsbury) (9 – 1 Schulz) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To dissolve the position of Director of Facilities and Transportation.

(Pillsbury – Galletta) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

B. VOTED: To establish the following new positions:

(Munsen – Galletta) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

Director of Facilities

Director of Transportation

15. PERSONNEL:

A. VOTED: To employ Jeremy Arsenaut as Interim Director of Transportation from March 23, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

(Galletta – Hancock) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

B. VOTED: To employ Paige Fournier as Interim Principal at Freeport Middle School from April 4, 2023 until the last school day in June, 2023.

(Galletta – Hancock) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

C. VOTED: To employ Amber Harrison as a Pre-K Teacher at Morse Street School for the 2023-2024 school year.

(Galletta – Pillsbury) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

D. VOTED: To employ Gayle Wolotsky as a .6 STEM/.2 RTI teacher at Mast Landing School for the 2023-2024 school year.

(Hancock – Galletta) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. (Galletta – Hancock) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

Time In: 7:22 p.m.

Time Out: 7:45 p.m.

18. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

19. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:45 p.m. (Galletta – Kaikini) (9 – 0)



Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools