

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Durham Community School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes**

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Q&A on the FY24 Budget

(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 May 10, 2023 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, Danielle George (left at 8:20 p.m.), Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury (arrived at 6:37 p.m.), Michelle Ritcheson, Paul Schulz (arrived at 6:36 p.m.), Kelly Sink, Madelyn Vertenten.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Susana Hancock, Student Representative

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session to consider a student disciplinary matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(B). (Sink – Cheney) (8 – 0)

Time In: 6:35 p.m.

Time Out: 7:11 p.m.

5. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A Section 1001(9) to readmit the student under consideration on the grounds that the behavior in question is not likely to recur. (Vertenten – Kaikini) (10 – 0)

6. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of April 12, 2023. (Pillsbury – Munsen) (10 – 0)

7. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Item #16.C.

8. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Board's Student Representative – Superintendent Skorapa read the report.
- B. Good News from Durham Community School - Will Pidden

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

10. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

- 1. District Happenings
- 2. Resignations: (effective at the end of the school year)
Kelli Rogers - DCS Assistant Principal

11. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Peggy Brown

12. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

- Beth Munson reminded members about openings on Administrator hiring committees.
- Maura Pillsbury mentioned the MSBA Resolution Committee is working on drafting resolutions for next year.
- Discussion about forming a committee to address legislative bills.
- Colin Cheney requested an informational exchange about mental health.

B. Finance Committee

C. Policy Committee

13. POLICY REVIEW:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the 1st Read of Policy BEDH-Public Participation at Board of Directors Meetings. (Munsen – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

15. NEW BUSINESS:

None

16. PERSONNEL:

A. **VOTED:** To employ Madelyn Leen as a Grade 5 Teacher at Durham Community School for the 2023-2024 school year. (Cheney – Munsen) (10 – 0)

B. **VOTED:** To employ Mollee Brooks as a Grade 5 Teacher at Durham Community School for the 2023-2024 school year. (Sink – Kaikini) (10 – 0)

C. **VOTED:** To employ Ryan Redka as a Special Education Teacher at Morse Street School for the 2023-2024 school year. (Vertenten – deCsipkes) (10 – 0)

17. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Administrator negotiations for RSU5. (Munsen – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

Time In: 8:20 p.m.

Time Out: 9:15 p.m.

19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To authorize the Superintendent to execute contracts for the following administrators, as discussed in Executive Session. (Munsen – deCsipkes) (9 – 0)

Julie Nickerson
Ray Grogan
Jen Gulko
Erin Dow

Emily Grimm
Conor Walsh
Charlie Mellon
Cynthia Alexander

Holly Johnson
Will Pidden
June Sellers
Peter Wagner

20. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:20 p.m. (Sink – Vertenten) (9 – 0)



Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools