

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – 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 June 14, 2023 meeting).

**1. CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Danielle George, Susana Hancock, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Paul Schulz, Kelly Sink, Madelyn Vertenten.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** There was no Student Representative in attendance.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

**VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of May 10, 2023 and May 24, 2023.

(Hancock – Vertenten) (11 – 0)

**5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Addition of Item #16.A.

**6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:**

A. Recognition of Retirees

B. Report from Board's Student Representative – No report.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session to consider a student disciplinary matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(B). (Vertenten – Pillsbury) (11 – 0)

Time In: 6:51 p.m.

Time Out: 7:06 p.m.

**8. 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.

(Hancock – Sink) (11 – 0)

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Freeport - Ashley Schumacher, Kevin Josenhans, Jennifer Winkler, Cooper Jacobs, Christine Lyons

**10. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:**

A. Items for Information

1. District Happenings

2. Resignations:

Kris Cray - District Computer Technician

Thomas McLaughlin - MSS Ed Tech  
Michelle Hill - FHS Special Education Teacher  
Rodrigo Palacios - FMS Spanish Teacher  
Alex Toole - FHS Tech Integrator/Instructional Coach  
Jamie Palmer - MSS Kindergarten Teacher

3. Schedule of 2023-2024 Board Meetings

**11. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**

A. Social Studies Presentation (Cynthia Alexander)

**12. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

-Michelle Ritcheson mentioned the Board retreat is August 23, 2023.

**13. POLICY REVIEW:**

None

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. VOTED:** To enter into a Brunswick/Freeport Boys Ice Hockey Cooperative Agreement (Hancock – Munsen) (11 – 0)

**B. VOTED:** That pursuant to section 1485(4) of Title 20-A, the Finance Committee be authorized to transfer not more than 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center in the FY24 operating budget to another cost center or among other cost centers, provided that the total FY24 fiscal year operating budget shall not be increased by such transfers.

(Vertenten – Munsen) (11 – 0)

**C. VOTED:** That Colin Cheney will be the delegate and Maura Pillsbury the alternate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly at the Annual Fall Conference. (Hancock – Vertenten) (11 – 0)

**16. PERSONNEL:**

**A. VOTED:** To employ Katelynn Macgregor as a Grade 2 Teacher at Pownal Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year. (Hancock – Pillsbury) (11 – 0)

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session to discuss labor contracts and proposals pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) (Munsen – Kaikini) (11 – 0)

Time In: 9:27 p.m.

Time Out: 10:07 p.m.

**19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**VOTED:** To continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. (Cheney – Kaikini) (11 – 0)

**20. 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. (Vertenten – deCsipkes) (11 – 0)

Time In: 10:08 p.m.

Time Out: 10:57 p.m.

**21. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**22. ADJOURNMENT:**

**VOTED:** To adjourn at 10:58 p.m. (Pillsbury – Vertenten) (11 – 0)

  
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Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools