

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 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 August 23, 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, Danielle George, Susana Hancock, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink, Madelyn Vertenten.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Schulz. There was no Student Representative in attendance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Item #5 was moved here

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Item #4;

Additional resignations under Item #8.A.2;

Addition of Item #8.A. 4.

Addition of Item #15 A, B, C.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of June 7, 2023. (Hancock – Cheney) (10 – 0)

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Durham - Nate Leger, Anthony Pringle

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. Freeport High School Scholarship Foundation Update - Stephanie Paine and Fred Palmer

2. Resignations:

Steve True - FHS Ed Tech

Isaac Porter - MSS Custodian

Maggie Simon - PES Administrative Secretary

Natasha Huber - DCS .5 Guidance Counselor

3. Safety Drills Update -Ray Grogan

4. Special Education Staffing Update - June Sellers

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Peggy Brown

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

- Maddy Vertenten thanked the public for supporting the budget and reminded everyone to stay engaged in the process.
- Colin Cheney mentioned the Girls Lacrosse Team just beat Wells. Would like Region Ten updates.
- Michelle Ritcheson mentioned that FHS graduation was an amazing event.
- Maura Pillsbury mentioned Federal grants are open for electric buses.

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 14, 2023 and attached hereto be approved.

That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Regional School Unit No. 5.

That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks of the member municipalities within Regional School Unit No. 5.

(Pillsbury – Vertenten) (10 – 0)

B. VOTED: That the Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Warrant for Assessment of Tax and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments. (Hancock – George) (10 – 0)

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To authorize the Superintendent to hire staff between June 15, 2023 and the first Board meeting in September 2023. (Sink – Hancock) (10 – 0)

14. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

A. & B. VOTED: To appoint Michelle Ritcheson as Chair and Elisabeth Munsen as Vice-Chair for the RSU No. 5 Board of Directors (to take effect July 1, 2023)

(Hancock – Peterson) (10 – 0)

Item #14 C. 1-14 Tabled until the August Retreat

C.15. &16. VOTED: To appoint Drummond Woodsum as the school attorney and Dr. Stephanie Phelps as the School Physician. (Sink – Hancock) (10 – 0)

15. PERSONNEL:

A. VOTED: To employ Emma Dorian as a .5 Spanish Teacher at Freeport High School for the 2023-2024 school year. (Pillsbury – Hancock) (10 – 0)

B. VOTED: To employ Amanda Marsden as Assistant Principal at Morse Street School for the 2023-2024 school year. (Kaikini – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

C. VOTED: To employ Heidi Richards as a .5 Social Worker at Durham Community School for the 2023-2024 school year. (Hancock – Munsen) (10 – 0)

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. (Pillsbury – deCsipkes) (10 – 0)

Time In: 7:51 p.m.

Time Out: 8:26 p.m.

18. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To extend the Superintendent's contract one year, until 2026. Increase the annual salary 4% and the annuity from a flat \$10,000 to 7% of the annual salary for the 2023-2024 school year. (Hancock – George) (10 – 0)

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(F) discussions of information contained in records made, maintained or received by a body or agency when access by the general public to those records is prohibited by statute. (Hancock – Vertenten) (10 – 0)

Time In: 8:29 p.m.

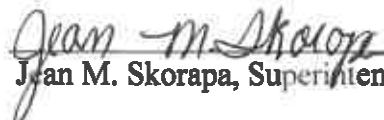
Time Out: 8:48 p.m.

20. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

21. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:49 p.m. (Hancock – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools