

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 23, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn - 5 Park Street, Freeport, ME
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 September 13, 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, Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Susana Hancock, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink, Madelyn Vertenten.

MEMBERS ABSENT: There was no student representative present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of June 14, 2023. (Hancock – Vertenten) (10 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Items #14 A., B., and C.

Move Item #14 after Item #13 A.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

None

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Board of Director Member Code of Ethics Acknowledgement

Item #14 was moved here

14. PERSONNEL:

- A. VOTED:** To authorize the Superintendent to hire an additional Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) for the 2023-2024 school year (one year position). Funding for the teacher to come from Multilingual (EL) Hardship Funds. (Sink – Vertenten) (10 – 0)
- B. VOTED:** To authorize the Superintendent to hire an additional teacher at Mast Landing School - 5th Grade Class Size Reduction Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year (one year position). Funding for the teacher to come from contingency funds. (Vertenten – Kaikini) (10 – 0)
- C. VOTED:** To authorize the Superintendent to hire an additional Educational Technician for Multilingual Learners for the 2023-2024 school year (one year position). Funding for the Educational Technician to come from Multilingual (EL) Hardship Funds. (Munsen – Kaikini) (10 – 0)

Returned to Item #13

- B. Boardsmanship - Michael Buescher, Drummond Woodsum (only the Boardsmanship portion of the agenda was held in Executive Session)**

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(E) to discuss legal roles and responsibilities of the School Board. (Hancock – George) (10 – 0)

Time In: 4:55 p.m.

Time Out: 8:24 p.m.

Action as a result of Executive Session:
None

C. Board Self-Evaluation

D. RSU5 Board Committees - Vote was tabled until September 13, 2023

Consideration of approval to add, delete, or consolidate committees and make annual appointments. (Board member names indicate committee members from the 2022-2023 School Year).

1. Negotiations (2-3)

Professional (Ritcheson, _____, Hancock)

Support (deCsipkes, Vertenten)

2. Policy (3) (deCsipkes, Vertenten, Cheney)

3. Finance (3) (Pillsbury, Ritcheson, Munsen)
(One member from each town)

4. Strategic Communications Committee (2-3) (deCsipkes, Kaikini, Vertenten)

5. RSU5 Community Programs Advisory Committee (1) (Pillsbury)

6. Maine Region 10 Technical High School Board (2) (deCsipkes, _____)

7. Dropout Prevention Committee - BOOST (1) (_____)

8. Stipend Review Committee (2) (_____, Munsen)

9. Freeport Cable TV Board (1) (Hancock)

10. Freeport Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee (1) (Vertenten)

11. Safety Committee (2) (Cheney, _____)

12. Wellness Committee (1) (Sink)

13. Sustainability (2) (Cheney, Hancock)

14. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (2) (Cheney, Hancock)

E. Work Slated for the 2023-2024 School Year

1. Board Meeting Dates
2. Board Work Plan *DRAFT*

F. RSU5 Strategic Plan - Overview - This Item was tabled until September 13, 2023

1. Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives
2. Strategic Plan Support Document (w/Action Strategies)
3. RSU5 Board Goals 2023-2024 *DRAFT*
4. Strategic Plan Goal Progress
5. Timeline

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:34 p.m. (Munsen – Hancock) (11 – 0)



Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools