

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 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 September 27, 2023 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Susana Hancock, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink, Madelyn Vertenten, and Teagan Davenport, Student Representative (left at 8:20 p.m.)
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of August 23, 2023. (Hancock – deCsipkes) (11 – 0). The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of two resignations under Item #8.A.2.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Teagan Davenport

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Durham - Adam Stone, Jessica Conley, Anthony Pringle

Freeport - Jacqueline Priestly, Samantha Miles, Ben Jensen, Joe Migliaccio, Carolyn Jensen, Hugh Bowen

Other - Allen Sarvinas (Topsham), Jennifer Curran (Falmouth)

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. Opening of School

2. Summer Resignations and Professional Staff Hires

Additions: Theresa Ward - PES Laugh and Learn Teacher

Katie Goodell - DCS Nutrition Assistant

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee

B. Strategic Communications Committee

C. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Board's Work Plan for 2023-2024

B. FY25 Budget Timeline

C. **VOTED:** To add, delete, or consolidate committees and make annual appointments.
(Hancock – deCsipkes) (11 – 0). The Student Representative voted with the majority.

1. Negotiations - Professional - George, Pillsbury, Ritcheson

Support deCsipkes, Vertenten

2. Policy - deCsipkes, Kaikini, Cheney

3. Finance - Pillsbury, Ritcheson, Munsen

4. Strategic Communications Committee - deCsipkes, Kaikini, Sink

5. RSU5 Community Programs Advisory Committee - Committee Deleted, fold
function into Facilities and Operations Standing Committee

6. Maine Region 10 Technical High School Board - deCsipkes, Cheney

7. Dropout Prevention Committee (BOOST) - Munsen

8. Stipend Review Committee (Moved to a Standing Committee) - Kaikini, Munsen

9. Freeport Cable TV Board - Hancock

10. Freeport Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee - Committee Deleted, fold
function into Facilities and Operations Standing Committee

11. Safety Committee - Committee Deleted, fold function into Facilities and
Operations Standing Committee

12. Wellness Committee - Sink

13. Sustainability - Committee Deleted, fold function into Facilities and Operations
Standing Committee

14. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion - Cheney, Farlow

15. Facilities and Operations - New Standing Committee - Farlow, Sink, Ritcheson

16. Curriculum and Program Development - New - George, deCsipkes

D. Board Self-Evaluation

E. Strategic Plan Review

F. **VOTED:** To approve the RSU5 District Goals for 2023-2024.

(Hancock – George) (11 – 0).

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Durham - Claire Ross

16. 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 – Munsen) (11 – 0)

Time In: 9:07 p.m.

Time Out: 9:40 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:41 p.m. (Hancock – Munsen) (11 – 0)



Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools