

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Pownal Elementary 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 November 8, 2023 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Elisabeth Munsen called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Susana Hancock, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Kelly Sink, Madelyn Vertenten and Phoebe Williamson, Student Representative
MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Ritcheson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of October 11, 2023. (Pillsbury – Hancock) (10 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Add Item #13.B.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Phoebe Williamson

7. PUBLIC COMMENT: (*Item #15 Public Comment combined with this item*)

Durham - Heather Sylvester, Gary Sylvester, Emily Moker, Mary Pennington, Melanie Wyman

Freeport - David Webster, Nancy Salmon, Stephen Farrand, Sarah Guzman, Brenda Laverdier, Stephanie Hunt, Nina Weyl, Stacey Ventimaglia, James Arrison, Liz Gardner, Michelle Bosse, Minka Holtrop, Connor Mills-Dudding, Melanie Sachs

Pownal - Liz Dolci

Other - Scott Jordan (Cumberland), Jennifer Curran (Falmouth) Osgood (Portland)

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Items for Information

1. District Happenings

2. Resignations: Gabe Wagner, FHS Educational Technician

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth

B. Update from Pownal Elementary School and Goal Review - Holly Johnson

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests:

Beth Munsen thanked Maddy Vertenten and Susana Hancock for their service to the Board.

- B. Strategic Communications Committee
- C. Facilities and Operations Committee
- D. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve 2nd read of Policy ACAA - Transgender and Gender Expansive Students. (Pillsbury – Farlow) (10 – 0)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To employ two Educational Technicians at Mast Landing School for the 2023-2024 school year (one year positions) instead of a 5th Grade Class Size Reduction Teacher. Funding for the Educational Technicians to come from contingency funds. (Sink – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

- B. **VOTED:** To employ Ellen Sage as a Teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages for the 2023-2024 school year (one year only). (Pillsbury – Farlow) (10 – 0)

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

This item was combined with Item #7

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Support Staff Negotiations for RSU No. 5. (Vertenten – deCsipkes) (10 – 0)

Time In: 8:37 p.m.

Time Out: 9:10 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To ratify the Coastal Education Association for Educational Support Professional Unit Bargaining Agreement July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. (Sink – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:11 p.m. (Hancock – Vertenten) (10 – 0)


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools