

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
Pownal Elementary School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes**

6:00-6:30 p.m. Q&A on the FY25 Adopted Budget

(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 April 24, 2024 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Elisabeth Munsen called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Carolyn Jensen, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Kelly Sink and Phoebe Williamson, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheyenne Farrell, Michelle Ritcheson
One vacant Durham seat due a recount of an election for office.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of March 27, 2024.

(George – Jensen) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Resignations under Item#8.A.

Addition of Item#14.A-C.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alan Bradstreet, Pownal

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Resignations: Heather Zachau - Mast Landing School Classroom Teacher
Emily Holland - Morse Street School Educational Technician
Alicia Ricker - Durham Community School 7/8 Grade Math Teacher
Beth Thompson, Freeport High School Educational Technician
Priyanka Miller, Mast Landing School Educational Technician
Sandi Brann, Pownal Elementary/Morse Street School Librarian

B. Migration of Students

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Update from Pownal Elementary School - Holly Johnson

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **VOTED:** That the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

(Pillsbury – Sink) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

A. **VOTED:** To employ Elizabeth Neuts as a Special Education Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year. (Sink – Pillsbury) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

B. **VOTED:** To employ Abigail Hight as a Speech Language Pathologist for the 2024-2025 school year. (George – Cheney) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

C. **VOTED:** To employ Alena Woods as a Speech Language Pathologist for the 2024-2025 school year. (Pillsbury – Farlow) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. **VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Educator Negotiations. (Sink – Cheney) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

Time In: 7:16 p.m.

Time Out: 8:20 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. **VOTED:** To ratify the Coastal Education Association's Bargaining Agreement September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2027. (Kaikini – George) (8 – 0)

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:22 p.m. (Sink – Jensen) (8 – 0)


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools