

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
Durham Community 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 May 8, 2024 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Malik Farlow, Cheyenne Farrell, Stacey Howarth, Carolyn Jensen, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink and Lily West, Student Representative (left at 6:37 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle George

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of April 10, 2024.

(Farlow – Pillsbury) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Resignations - 8.C.

Addition of Item#14.B. and C.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Lily West

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Retirement: Geoff Dyhrberg - FHS Social Studies Teacher

C. Resignations: Connie Carpenter, Bus Driver and Ched White, FHS Ed Tech

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Update from Durham Community School - Will Pidden and Kate Hillman Harrison

B. Finance - Kelly Wentworth

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

- Maura Pillsbury spoke about affordable housing impact on employees
- Kara Kaikini mentioned it was bus driver appreciation. Kara asked about the mechanism for policy requests.

B. Finance Committee

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

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of policy EEA - Student Transportation Services
(Munsen – Jensen) (10 – 0)

B. **VOTED:** To approve 2nd Read of the following policies:

1. DJ-Bidding/Purchasing Requirements
2. DJH-Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct
3. JHB-Truancy
4. IMG-Animals in Schools

(Pillsbury – Sink) (10 – 0)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

A. **VOTED:** To employ Lynn Shea as a Teacher of English Speakers of Other Languages
for the 2024-2025 school year. (Kaikini – Munsen) (10 – 0)

B. **VOTED:** To employ Ann Truman as a 2nd Grade Teacher at Morse Street School for the
2024-2025 school year, one year only position. (Munsen – Jensen) (10 – 0)

C. **VOTED:** To employ Carolyn Volk as a Special Education Coordinator for the
2024-2025 school year. (Sink – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:19 p.m. (Pillsbury – Sink) (10 – 0)


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools