

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Library
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 25, 2024 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, Cheyenne Farrell, Danielle George, Carolyn Jensen, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, and Phoebe Williamson Student Representative
MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Sink

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of August 28, 2024. (Farrell – Farlow) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of Item #13.A.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daniel Freund, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Superintendent's Report
1. Opening of School
 2. Summer Resignations and Professional Staff Hires

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. Child Find / FAPE - Elisha Morris, Director of Instructional Support

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. 2024-2025 Board Work Plan
B. FY26 Budget Timeline

- C. **VOTED:** To approve the RSU5 District Goal for 2024-2025 - To engage stakeholders in the communities of RSU5 in a comprehensive and inclusive process to collaboratively develop a five-year strategic plan. (Kaikini – Pillsbury) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To add Candy deCsipkes to the Policy Committee and Strategic Communications Committee. (Pillsbury – Munsen) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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

Time In: 8:00 p.m.

Time Out: 8:39 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

- VOTED:** To adjourn at 8:40 p.m. (Jensen – Farrell) (10 – 0)


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools