RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 – 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 6, 2024 meeting).

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:**
   Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Candace deCsipkes, Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink and Phoebe Williamson Student Representative (left at 8:22 p.m.)
   MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheyenne Farrell, Carolyn Jensen

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**
   A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of October 9, 2024. (Pillsbury – George) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**
   None

6. **GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:**
   A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Phoebe Williamson

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
   None

8. **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:**
   A. Superintendent's Report
   B. Resignations: Megan Peacock - Laugh & Learn; Stephanie Allen - DCS Ed Tech; Erin Thibeault - FMS Office Secretary
   C. Literacy Curriculum - Cynthia Alexander
   D. School Properties Disposition

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
       - Danielle George requested truancy data.
       - Maura Pillsbury and Danielle George spoke about the very informative Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting. Requested the presentation be posted on the website.
       - Michelle Ritcheson mentioned a K-12 STEM presentation she attended.

B. Finance Committee
C. Facilities and Operations Committee
D. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. **VOTED:** To approve 2nd Read of Policy GBEC - Drug Free Workplace. (Munsen – Farlow) (9 – 0)

B. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of the following policies (Pillsbury – Munsen) (9 – 0):
1. ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
2. ACAA-R - Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure (Revise into two new procedures ACAA-R1 and ACAA-R2)
3. JIE - Pregnant Students (New)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. **VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. (Pillsbury – George) (9 – 0)

Time In: 9:05 p.m. Time Out: 9:45 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. **VOTED:** To approve a half year unpaid leave of absence and a half year sabbatical leave for the 2025-2026 school year for Kimarie Soule. (Kaikini – George) (9 – 0)

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:46 p.m. (Cheney – Munsen) (9 – 0)

Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools