

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 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 January 22, 2025 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

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

- 2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Cheney, Candace deCsipkes, Malik Farlow, Cheyenne Farrell, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink and Moon Tussing Student Representative
MEMBERS ABSENT: Anna Child

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of December 11, 2024.
(Farrell – Munsen) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Item #8.1. Additional retirement
Remove Item #8.3.
Addition of Item#14.B. and 14.C.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Moon Tussing

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allen Sarvinas, Topsham
Janice Flynn, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Retirements: Kelly Fitz-Randolph - FMS Science Teacher
Adele Hassett - DCS Grade 6 Teacher
Kim Callnan - FHS Guidance Office Secretary
Cynthia Alexander - Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
2. Resignations: Marie Beaulieu - FMS Nutrition Assistant
Corina Marinut - FHS Ed Tech
Kimberly Stewart - Community Programs Office Coordinator

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. 2025-2026 Freeport High School Program of Studies – Jen Gulko
- B. Update on 2024-2025 District Goal - Jean Skorapa
- C. District Scorecard - Cynthia Alexander

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

A. **VOTED:** To employ Renee Bucknell as a STEM Teacher at Morse Street School/Pownal Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

B. **VOTED:** To authorize the Superintendent to convert a .5 Physical Education Teacher/.4 Response to Intervention Teacher and .1 Response to Intervention Educational Technician position at Pownal Elementary School to a .5 Physical Education Teacher/.5 Response to Intervention Teacher.

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

C. **VOTED:** To authorize the Superintendent to hire a Special Education Teacher at Freeport High School for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Funding to come from unfilled Special Education Educational Technician Positions at Freeport High School.

(Pillsbury – George) (10 – 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)(A) for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation Performance Goals.

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

Time In: 8:08 p.m.

Time Out: 8:43 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:44 p.m. (Sink – deCsipkes) (10 – 0)


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools