RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 22, 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 February 5, 2024 meeting).

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:**
   Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**
   A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of January 8, 2025. (Farrell – George) (10 – 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: Darby Steindorf - FHS Ed Tech
   C. Support Staff New Hires: Antonia Romasco - FMS Nutrition Assistant

9. **ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**
   A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth

10. **BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
    A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
       Maura Pillsbury mentioned information from the NEA on safe zones policies.
       Colin Cheney asked a question about the Stetson Scholarship. Colin also mentioned Region Ten opportunities with MMA and BIW.
       Malik Farlow reported that the DEI Committee identified groups to take part in the strategic planning process that will be shared with Great Schools Partnership.
    B. Finance Committee and Facilities and Operations Committee Joint Meetings
    C. Stipend Committee
    D. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. **VOTED:** To approve 2nd Read of the following policy. (Sink – Farlow) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
   1. JIE - Pregnant Students (New)

B. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of the following policies (Pillsbury – Farrell) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
   1. EEA - Student Transportation
   2. EEAEA - Student Transportation Employee Requirements, Training and Responsibilities
   3. GCOA - Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the following Stipend positions: (Sink – Farlow) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
   1. Mast Landing School - Gaming Club (no budget impact)
   2. Freeport High School - Senior Project Coordinator (3rd position - no budget impact)

B. Presentation of the Superintendent's 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:51 p.m. (Sink – Kaikini) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

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