

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High 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 March 12, 2024 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Anna Child, Cheyenne Farrell, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson and Phoebe Williamson, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candace deCsipkes, Malik Farlow, Kelly Sink

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of February 5, 2025. (George – Farrell) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Move Item #12.A. after Item #8

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynn Easler, Freeport; Scott Jordan, Cumberland; Larry Aufiero, Cumberland; Nicholas Blanchard, Augusta; Janice Flynn, Freeport; Kathleen Brown, Windham; Elaine Despres, Cumberland; Amy Colton, Scarborough; Allen Sarvinas, Topsham; Sara Davis, Auburn; Kelly Fitz-Randolph, Freeport; Melanie Sachs, Freeport; Jonas P. Werner, Freeport; Julia Dietrick, Bristol; Jacqueline Priestly, Freeport; Julie Brogan, Freeport; Margaret Estarook, Yarmouth; Ashley Schumacher, Freeport; Emily Stiles, Durham; Ron Schmidt, Freeport; Amelia and Nikki Connolly, Freeport; Kevin Josenhans, Freeport; Maddy Vertenten, Freeport; Samantha Bryant, Freeport; Kelleigh Dulany, Freeport; Rev. Mair Honan, Freeport; Brenda Rodrigue, Freeport; Sean Patrick Coady, Portland; Shondra Jin Robbins, Freeport; Tim Grivois, New Gloucester; Grace, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Resignations: Jennifer Hayward - FMS Ed Tech

C. Support Staff New Hires: Kathy DeGrandpre, Community Programs Office Coordinator

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Budget Review

1. Region Ten Technical High School
2. Freeport Middle School - Paige Fournier
3. Transportation - Jeremy Arseneault
4. School Nutrition - Erica Mullally
5. Facilities - Glen Reynolds
6. Community Programs - Peter Wagner
7. Technology - Sam Rigby
8. Curriculum Development and Improvement of Instruction- Cynthia Alexander

VOTED: To continue the Board meeting past 10:00 p.m. for Item #'s 9 and 11.C.
(Cheney – Munsen) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth

11. POLICY REVIEW:

C. A motion was made by Cheney, seconded by Munsen to revert back to the prior versions of the following policies.

1. AC - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (2022)
2. ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students (2020)
3. ACAA-R - Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (2020)
4. ACAB - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees (2020)
5. ACAB-R - Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (2020)

Member Cheney amended his motion, seconded by Munsen to include the following wording:

Policies ACAA and ACAB:

Race includes traits associated with race, including hair texture, Afro hairstyles, and protective hairstyles, including braids, twists, and locks. The sentence will live between the first 2 paragraphs on page 1.

Procedures ACAA-R and ACAB-R:

Race (including traits associated with race involving hair texture, Afro hairstyles and protective hairstyles such as braids, twists and locks)

This phrase lives after the word race in the definitions section.

VOTED: (Cheney – Munsen) (7 – 1 Pillsbury) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: *(Item 10 moved to a future meeting)*

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests (10 Minutes)
 - Curriculum and Program Development Committee
- B. Finance Committee (5 Minutes)
- C. Facilities and Operations Committee (5 Minutes)
- D. Policy Committee (5 Minutes)

11. POLICY REVIEW: *(Items 11. A and B moved to a future meeting)*

- A. Consideration and approval of 2nd Read of the following policies:
 - 1. EEA - Student Transportation Services
 - 2. EEAEA - Student Transportation Employee Requirements, Training and Responsibilities
 - 3. GCOA - Supervision and Evaluation of Professional Staff
- B. Consideration and approval of 1st Read of the following policies:
 - 1. IJOC - School Volunteers
 - 2. JLF - Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 11:19 p.m. (Farrell – Munsen) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools