

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 26, 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 April 9, 2025 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, Candace deCsipkes, Malik Farlow, Cheyenne Farrell, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink and PMoon Tussing, Student Representative (left at 7:30 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of March 19, 2025. (Kaikini – George) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Make Item#8.C. Item#8. D. and add new Item#8.C.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trevor Bean, Auburn; Tracey Tremblay, Durham; Janice Flynn, Freeport; Crystal Boucher, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Support Staff New Hires: Alicia Bennett, Bus Driver
- C. Resignations: Amy St.Pierre, FMS Principal
- D. Update of FY26 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

9. PUBLIC INPUT:

A. Public Input on the FY26 Superintendent's Proposed Budget
Sarah Kelley, Freeport

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
 - Maura Pillsbury provided an update on MSBA including cell phone use, recalling school board members and FDA.
- B. Finance Committee and Facilities and Operations Committee Joint Meeting

12. POLICY REVIEW:

None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Board Deliberations on the FY26 Superintendent's proposed Budget
- B. **VOTED:** To approve the FY26 Superintendent's Proposed Budget as amended with 4.5 FTE's 1 at DCS, 1 at MLS, 2 at FMS, and .5 ESOL added back from Superintendent's Recommended Budget. (Sink – Munsen) (11 – 0)

Amendments

1. Add increase ESOL teacher by .5 \$51,000 (Munsen - George) (11 - 0)
2. Add 1 FTE teacher and 1 Ed Tech for Mast Landing School (Pillsbury - Farrell) (6 - 5 Farlow, Munsen, Ritcheson, George, Sink)
3. Add 3rd and 5th grade teacher at Durham Community School (Pillsbury - Kaikini) Motion Withdrawn
4. Remove the grade 4 FTE and 1 Ed Tech at Mast Landing School (Sink - Munsen) (7 - 4 Farrell, Pillsbury, Child, Kaikini)
5. Add little pieces back Freeport Middle School (Kaikini - Pillsbury) (3 - 8 Farrell, Cheney, Sink, Munsen, Ritcheson, George, Child, deCsipkes)
6. Add 1 FTE each at Mast Landing School, Durham Community School and Freeport Middle School at discretion of administration (Cheney - Child) (9 - 2 Munsen, Pillsbury)
7. Add 1 Ed Tech (bench sub) and 1 Teacher at Freeport Middle School (Pillsbury - Kaikini) Withdrawn
8. Add .5 Freeport High School, 1 Freeport Middle School, 1 Ed Tech MLS (Pillsbury - Kaikini) (3 - 8 Ritcheson, Sink, Munsen, Farlow, Farrell, Cheney, Child, George)
9. Add 1 FTE at Freeport Middle School (wellness) (Child - Kaikini) (6 - 5 Sink, Cheney, Munsen, Ritcheson, George)
10. Add .5 ELA at Freeport High School (Pillsbury - Kaikini) (3 - 8 Farrell, Farlow, Cheney, George, Sink, Munsen, Ritcheson, deCsipkes)
11. Add bench sub Ed Tech (Pillsbury - Kaikini) (3 - 8 Munsen, Ritcheson, Sink, deCsipkes, Cheney, Child, Farlow, George)
12. Remove 1 DCS and bench sub at Mast Landing School, add .5 FHS (Maura - No second)

14. NEW BUSINESS:

None

15. PERSONNEL:

None

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:19 p.m. (Sink – Farrell) (11 – 0)


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools