

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
Pownal Elementary School - Cafeteria
Meeting Minutes**

6:00-6:30 p.m. Q&A on the FY26 Adopted Budget

(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 June 4, 2025 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Anna Child, Malik Farlow, Cheyenne Farrell, Danielle George, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Kelly Sink and Phoebe Williamson, Student Representative (left at 6:41 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kara Kaikini, Elisabeth Munsen, Stephanie Worth

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of April 9, 2025. (Farlow – Sink) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Move Items 12.A. and 13.B. after Item 8.B.
Remove Items 16.A. and 17

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Resignations: Sean Moore, DCS STEM Teacher (end of the 24/25 SY)
Samantha Creech, MSS Grade 1 Teacher (end of the 24/25 SY)
Julia Grocholl, DCS Grade 1 Teacher (end of the 24/25 SY)
Steven Boccanfuso, FMS Ed Tech (end of the 24/25 SY)
- B. Support Staff New Hires: Rose Walker, DCS Ed Tech
Casey Eriebach, PES Administrative Secretary (beginning 7/1/25)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **VOTED:** That the agreement entitled, "Stetson Scholarship Fund Agreement," between Regional School Unit 5 and the Freeport High School Scholarship Foundation be approved in the form presented to this meeting, that the Superintendent be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the RSU, and that the Secretary file an attested copy of said agreement with the minutes of this meeting. (Farrell – Cheney) (8 – 0)

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- B. **VOTED:** That the Vote entitled, “Vote to Accept Gift of Basketball Court Repairs,” be approved in form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of the Vote be filed with the meeting minutes. (Pillsbury – Sink) (8 – 0)

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth
B. Update from Pownal Elementary School - Holly Johnson

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
- Maura Pillsbury spoke about an immigration policy request
- Colin Cheney asked about the Tennis Courts and Track & Field Reserve accounts
- Michelle Ritcheson reviewed the Superintendent Search timeline, additional Board meeting dates and the draft survey that will be sent out.
B. Facilities and Operations Committee
C. Finance Committee
D. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of the following policies:
1. IJOC - School Volunteers - with revisions
2. IKC - Transcripts and Academic Achievement
3. JLF - Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect - with revisions
(Peterson – Farrell) (8 – 0)

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** That the resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Lease Financing of a \$3,421,157 Energy Conservation Project at RSU Schools” be approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting.
(Pillsbury – Farlow) (8 – 0)

14. PERSONNEL:

- A. **VOTED:** To authorize the Superintendent to hire a Special Education Teacher at Freeport High School. Funding to come from two unfilled Special Education Educational Technician Positions at Freeport High School. (Sink – Farrell) (8 – 0)

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Items 16. and 17 were removed from the agenda

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Administrator negotiations. (Sink – George) (8 – 0)

Time In: 9:28 p.m.

Time Out: 9:37 p.m.

19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To authorize the execution of contracts for the following administrators, as discussed in Executive Session. (Sink – Pillsbury) (8 – 0)

Julie Nickerson	Amanda Marsden	Emily Grimm	Scott Emery
Holly Johnson	Paige Fournier	Will Pidden	Kate Hillman Harrison
Jen Gulko	Charlie Mellon	Erica Mullally	Peter Wagner
Kelly Wentworth	Eric Hall	Sam Rigby	Glen Reynolds
Jeremy Arsenault	Elisha Morris	Jean Skorapa	

20. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:40 p.m. (Sink – George) (8 – 0)



Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools