

RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 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 August 27, 2025 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of April 30, 2025, May 7, 2025 and May 14, 2025
(Farrell – Sink) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Add Item#14.E.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

- A. Recognition of Retirees
B. Report from Board's Student Representative - Phoebe Williamson

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Superintendent's Report
B. Resignations/Retirements: Charles Fear, MLS Ed Tech
Paige Fournier, FMS Assistant Principal
Jody Caulfield, FMS RTI/ELA Teacher
Melinda Carr, MLS Ed Tech
Heather Gilpin, School Psychologist (Retirement)
Susan Martling, MLS Literacy Specialist (Retirement)
C. Schedule of 2025-2026 Board Meetings

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth
B. FHS Student Cell Phone Use Update - Charlie Mellon

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
Michelle Ritcheson provided an update on the Superintendent Search and mentioned the Executive Summary of the RSU5 Superintendent Survey.

- B. Facilities and Operations Committee
- C. Finance Committee
- D. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve 2nd Read of the following policies:
- 1. IJOC - School Volunteers
 - 2. IKC - Transcripts and Academic Achievement
 - 3. JLF - Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- (Pillsbury – Kaikini) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** That pursuant to section 1485(4) of Title 20-A, the Finance Committee be authorized to transfer not more than 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center in the FY26 operating budget to another cost center or among other cost centers, provided that the total FY26 fiscal year operating budget shall not be increased by such transfers.
- (Sink – Farrell) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

14. PERSONNEL:

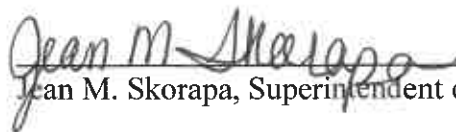
- A. **VOTED:** To employ Debra Antl as a 7th Grade Science Teacher at Freeport Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year. (Worth – Kaikini) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- B. **VOTED:** To employ Chelsea Nugent as a .5 RTI Reading Teacher at Pownal Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year (one year only).
- (Farrell – Farlow) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- C. **VOTED:** To employ Meghan Taylor as a 2nd Grade Teacher at Morse Street School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- (Pillsbury – George) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- D. **VOTED:** To employ Tatum Hayward as a 1st Grade Teacher at Durham Community School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- (Munsen – Sink) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- E. **VOTED:** To employ Kylie Danin as a 4th Grade Teacher at Durham Community School for the 2025-2026 school year.
- (Worth – Pillsbury) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:51 p.m. (George – Kaikini) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.


Jean M. Skorapa, Superintendent of Schools