

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 27, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn - Freeport
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 September 10, 2025 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Anna Child, Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Maura Pillsbury, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink (arrived at 4:53 p.m.), Valerie Williams and Stephanie Worth

MEMBERS ABSENT: There was no student representative present

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of June 4, 2025, June 11, 2025, June 18, 2025, and June 25, 2025 (Farlow – Kaikini) (10 – 0)

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Add Item# 13.I - School Calendar

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

None

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Board of Directors Member Code of Ethics - Acknowledgement

B. 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates

Adjustment to the Agenda Item #13.I moved here

- I. **VOTED:** To revise the 2025-2026 school calendar by moving the date of the Freeport High School graduation from Sunday, June 14, 2026 to Saturday, June 13, 2026.
(Worth – George) (10 – 0)

- C. Boardsmanship - Michael Buescher, Drummond Woodsum

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(E) to discuss legal roles and responsibilities of the School Board (Kaikini – Williams) (10 – 0)

Time In: 4:49 p.m.

Time Out: 7:47 p.m.

- D. **VOTED:** To appoint Stephanie Worth as delegate and Maura Pillsbury as alternate to the Maine School Boards Association Annual Delegate Assembly. (Sink – Cheney) (11 – 0)

- E. 2024-2025 Board Self-Evaluation

- F. RSU5 Strategic Plan - Update

- G. Board Goal for 2025-2026

- H. 2025-2026 Board Work Plan - *This item was Tabled until the next meeting*

14. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To add, delete, or consolidate committees and make annual appointments.
(George – Cheney) (11 – 0).

1. Negotiations - Professional - George, Pillsbury, Ritcheson
Support Child, Farlow, Ritcheson
2. Policy - Cheney, George, Kaikini
3. Finance - Ritcheson, Savaiano, Sink
4. Strategic Communications Committee - Kaikini, Pillsbury, Sink
5. Facilities and Operations Committee - Pillsbury, Ritcheson, Sink
6. Stipend Review Committee - Kaikini, Worth
7. Maine Region 10 Technical High School Board - Cheney, Williams
8. Dropout Prevention Committee (BOOST) - Worth
9. Freeport Cable TV Board - Kaikini
10. Wellness Committee - Sink
11. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion - Farlow, Williams
12. Curriculum and Program Development - Child, George, Pillsbury

15. PERSONNEL:

None

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:29 p.m. (Sink – Savaiano) (11 – 0)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools