

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 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 September 24, 2025 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Valerie Williams and Stephanie Worth (arrived at 6:37 p.m.).
Phoebe Williamson, Student Representative (left at 8:25 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anna Child, Maura Pillsbury

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of August 27, 2025. (Sink – Williams) (8 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Superintendent's Report
1. Opening of School
 2. Summer Resignations and Staff Hires

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 2025-2026 Board Work Plan

- B. **VOTED:** To approve the RSU5 District Goal for 2025-2026 (Sink - Farlow) (9 - 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority:

To collaboratively develop and approve a five-year strategic plan through a comprehensive and inclusive process that engages stakeholders in the RSU5 communities.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. FY27 Budget Timeline
- B. Discussion of the MSBA 2025 Proposed Resolutions and Proposed Revisions to the MSBA Constitution

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. (Kaikini – Cheney) (9 – 0)

Time In: 9:20 p.m.

Time Out: 9:46 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:47 p.m. (Sink – Farlow) (9 – 0)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools