

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
Pownal Elementary School - Cafeteria
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 November 5, 2025 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Maura Pillsbury called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Cheney, Anna Child (arrived at 6:44 p.m., left at 8:15 p.m.), Malik Farlow, Danielle George, Kara Kaikini, Maura Pillsbury, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth. Moon Tussing, Student Representative (left at 8:40 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Ritcheson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of October 8, 2025. (George – Kaikini) (9 – 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 - Moon Tussing

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

- A. Superintendent's Report
- B. Resignations - Gloria Sultz, MSS Kitchen Manager
- C. Support Staff Hires - Meredith Brent - MSS Ed Tech
Jennie Bakewell - MSS Ed Tech

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth
- B. Update from Pownal Elementary School and Goal Review - Holly Johnson
- C. Update from Freeport Middle School and Goal Review - Pam Crosby
- D. Multilingual Learners Update - Erica Mazzeo

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests
 - Valerie Williams provided an update on facility needs and programming at Region Ten.
 - Stephanie Worth provided an update on the MSBA Delegate Assembly.
 - Kara Kaikini recognized Maura Pillsbury for her years of service on the Board.

- Colin Cheney thanked Maura Pillsbury for her professionalism and dedication to the work of the Board.
- Danielle George provided an update on the Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting from today. The committee looked at budget considerations/3 year plan.

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

11. POLICY REVIEW:

A. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of the following policies/procedures:

1. IHBEA - Programs for Multilingual Learners
2. IHBEA-R - RSU No. 5 Lau Plan
3. JKAA - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion
4. JKAA-R - Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion

(Kaikini – Farlow) (9 – 0)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **VOTED:** To expend up to \$55,000 from Capital Reserves for the building automation system upgrades at Durham Community School. (Sink – Williams) (9 – 0)

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Savaiano (Pownal) asked about any consideration to subsidize SNAP budget losses.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:51 p.m. (Worth – Pillsbury) (10 – 0)



 Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools