

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 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 November 19, 2025 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Breer, Colin Cheney, Danielle George, Malik Farlow, Kara Kaikini (arrived at 6:41 p.m.), Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth. Maria Abbatemarco, Student Representative (left at 8:30 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anna Child

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of October 22 2025. (Williams – Farlow) (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 - Maria Abbatemarco

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Annie Ware, Durham

Kelly Delaney, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Retirement - Bertha Hilton - FMS Kitchen Manager (at the end of the school year)

C. Support Staff Hires - Linda Duplessis - MSS Kitchen Manager

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Update from Transportation Department and Goal Review - Jeremy Arsenault

B. Update from Facilities Department and Goal Review - Glen Reynolds

C. Update from Mast Landing School and Goal Review - Emily Grimm

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board members provided an update on sessions they attended at the MSMA Fall Conference.

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To instruct the Policy Committee to draft a Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices In Schools policy to execute a bell to bell ban.
(Cheney – Sink) (9 – 1 George)

13. NEW BUSINESS:

None

14. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To appoint Kelly Sink as Vice-Chair for the RSU No. 5 Board of Directors (to take effect immediately). (Ritcheson – George) (10 – 0)

15. PERSONNEL:

None

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

- VOTED:** To adjourn at 9:01 p.m. (Sink – Kaikini) (10 – 0)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools