

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 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 January 28, 2026 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Breer, Anna Child, Colin Cheney, Malik Farlow, Kara Kaikini, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth. Moon Tussing, Student Representative (left at 8:58 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: There is an open Durham seat

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of December 10, 2025. (Sink – Child) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Item 12.A. Tabled

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from the Board's Student Representative - Moon Tussing

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

FHS Students - Hazel Guillette, Sophie White, Phoebe Williamson

Freeport - Shweta Galway, Molly Meyer

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Resignations - Julia Adamo - FHS Food Service Assistant

Christine Lyons - FMS Ed Tech

B. Retirements (end of the SY) - Nick Witte - FMS ELA Teacher

Rena Frank - FHS Food Service Assistant

Carolyn Favreau, MLS Ed Tech

Will Pidden - DCS Principal

C. Update on the 2025-2026 District Goal

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. 2026-2027 Freeport High School Program of Studies – Jen Gulko

B. Report of the Early Childhood Task Force - Tom Gray

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *This item was tabled*

- A. Consideration and approval to join Cohort 3 (2026-2027) of the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Transition from Child Development Services (CDS) to RSU 5.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of the 2026-2027 School Calendar. (Worth – Kaikini) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- B. **VOTED:** To expend up to \$30,000 from Capital Reserves for the variable flow device replacement in the two stage pumps in the FPAC area at Freeport High School. (Savaiano – Farlow) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- C. **VOTED:** To expend up to \$41,500 from Capital Reserves for Tennis Court Design Services at Freeport High School. (Sink – Williams) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

FHS Student - Hazel Guillette
Freeport - Molly Meyer

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 (Sink – Breer) (10 – 0)

Time In: 9:02 p.m.

Time Out: 10:17 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:18 p.m. (Kaikini – Worth) (10 – 0)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools