

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 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 March 25, 2026 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Breer, Colin Cheney, Malik Farlow, Kara Kaikini, Lois Kilby-Chesley, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth. Maria Abbatemarco, Student Representative (left at 8:28 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anna Child, Kelly Sink

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of February 25, 2026.

(Kaikini – Kilby-Chesley) (9 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition under Item #8.B.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marcia Wood, Raymond; Erin Abbott, Yarmouth; Halie Goodspeed, Freeport; Lisa Blier, Falmouth; Jill Hyland, Brunswick; Taylor Dombroski, Freeport; Sara Davis, Auburn; Jim Donoghue, Freeport; Jenna Shue, Pownal; Andy Seymour, Pownal; Rick Wilson, Brunswick; Kate Martens, Pownal; Jack Brogan, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Resignations - Amy Broadbent - Laugh & Learn Before Care

Erica Mazzeo - Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. FY27 Budget:

1. Review of the FY27 Superintendent's Proposed Budget
2. Board Deliberations on FY27 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOTED: To appoint Lois-Kilby Chesley to the Curriculum and Program Development Committee. (Kaikini – Breer) (9 – 0)

B. VOTED: To approve a plan for use of remote school days to offset cancellation of school due to weather. (Cheney – Worth) (7 – 2 Savaiano, Williams)

Superintendent Gray informed the Board that remote school days will only be used after five weather cancellation days have been used.

VOTED: To continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. (Savaiano - Cheney) (9 – 0)

C. VOTED: To approve writing a letter of support of the Town of Pownal's construction of a joint fire and rescue station and public works facility. (Kaikini – Savaiano) (9 – 0)

14. PERSONNEL:

None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:10 p.m. (Kaikini – Worth) (9 – 0)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools