

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 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 April 8, 2026 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Breer, Anna Child, Colin Cheney, Malik Farlow, Kara Kaikini, Lois Kilby-Chesley, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth (arrived at 6:35). Maria Abbatemarco, Student Representative (left at 8:47 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of March 11, 2026.

(Williams – Sink) (10 - 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daniel Freund, Freeport; Jill Hyland, Brunswick; Casey Ellis, Freeport; Emily Sampson, Durham; Wyeth Pillsbury, Freeport; John Jaques, Freeport

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Resignation/Retirement - Martin Huertas, DCS Ed Tech

Cheryl Sleeper (retirement) MLS RTI/MTSS Math Teacher

9. PUBLIC INPUT:

A. Public Input on the FY27 Budget

None

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Kelly Wentworth

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

- Kara Kaikini mentioned the Strategic Communications Committee is meeting next week.

Kara also inquired about next steps for AI.

B. Finance Committee

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

12. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. 1. **VOTED:** To approve 2nd Read of policy JEA - Compulsory Attendance.
(Williams – Savaiano) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- 2. **VOTED:** To approve 2nd Read of policy JIC - Student Code of Conduct
(Kaikini – Woth) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- B. **VOTED:** To approve 1st Read of the following policies:
 - 1. JJIF - Student Concussions and Other Head Injuries
 - 2. JJIF-E - Concussion Information Sheet
 - 3. IMB - Teaching About Controversial Issues (New Policy)
(Williams – Farlow) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve the FY27 Superintendent's Proposed Budget as reflected in the Handbook that we have for today. (Sink – Kaikini) (10 - 1 Kilby-Chesley) The Student Representative voted with the minority.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** that the resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Lease Financing of a \$2,429,416 Energy Conservation Project at RSU School Facilities” be approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting. (Sink – Kaikini) (10 – 1 Kilby-Chesley)

15. PERSONNEL:

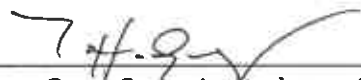
None

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Metzger, Pownal

17. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:24 p.m. (Kaikini – Savaiano) (11 – 0)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools

March 25, 2026

Motion: I move that the resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Lease Financing of a **\$2,429,416** Energy Conservation Project at RSU School Facilities” be approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE FINANCING OF A \$2,429,416 ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT AT RSU SCHOOL FACILITIES

Whereas, in accordance with Section 15915 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 5 (the “RSU”) has selected Energy Management Consultants, Inc. as its energy services company;

Now therefore, the School Board resolves as follows:

1. That, pursuant to section 15915 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, the Superintendent of Schools (the “Superintendent”) is authorized in the name and on behalf of the RSU to execute and deliver an agreement with Energy Management Consultants, Inc. or its affiliate or designee for the acquisition and installation of Phase II energy conservation and related air quality improvements projects at school facilities throughout the RSU (the “Project”), at a cost not to exceed **\$2,429,416**, provided that said agreement is in form acceptable to the Superintendent in consultation with legal counsel;
2. That, to provide funds for the Project, the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Human Resources, acting singly, are authorized in the name and on behalf of the RSU to arrange for tax-exempt lease purchase financing with such lease purchase financing company as the Superintendent or Director of Finance and Human Resources may select (the “Lessor”), on such terms as either may approve, and any such prior action by the Superintendent or Director of Finance and Human Resources is hereby ratified and confirmed;
3. That under and pursuant to Sections 1001, 1055, and 15915 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, and all other applicable law, the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver a lease purchase agreement with Lessor, or its nominee, in the name and on behalf of the RSU for the Project, in a principal amount not to exceed **\$2,429,416**, in such form and on such terms not inconsistent herewith as the Superintendent may approve (the “Lease”);
4. That to the extent not inconsistent with this Resolution, the Superintendent is hereby authorized to select such date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, form(s), and other details of the Lease, as the Superintendent may approve, said approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof;
5. That the Superintendent is authorized to covenant on behalf of the Lessee that no part of the proceeds of the Lease or the Project shall be used, directly or indirectly, in a manner

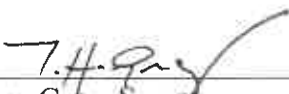
that would cause the Lease to be an “arbitrage bond” or a “private activity bond” within the meaning of Sections 141 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”); and to covenant on behalf of the Lessee to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the Lease;

6. That the Superintendent is authorized, as applicable, to designate the Lease issued pursuant hereto as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;
7. That the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver such tax certificates, arbitrage and use of proceeds certificates, and other documents and certificates as may, in the Superintendent's opinion, be necessary or convenient to effect the transactions herein authorized, to be in such form not inconsistent with this Resolution as the Superintendent may approve, said approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof;
8. That the Superintendent is authorized to execute and deliver an escrow agreement with Lessor or its nominee (the “Escrow Agreement”) to hold funds in an escrow account pending disbursement for the Project, said Escrow Agreement to be on such terms not inconsistent with the Lease and this Resolution as the Superintendent may approve, including without limitation a provision granting Lessor a security interest in the escrow account, said approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof;
9. That the Superintendent is authorized to covenant, certify and agree, on behalf of the RSU, for the benefit of the holder of the Lease, that the RSU will file any required reports, make any annual financial or material event disclosure, and take any other action that may be necessary to ensure the disclosure requirements imposed by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to the extent applicable, are met;
10. That the Superintendent and other appropriate officials of the RSU, acting singly, are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the RSU such security agreements, UCC-1 financing statements, fixture filings, and other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with the Lease and the Escrow Agreement;
11. That the Superintendent and other appropriate officials of the RSU, acting singly, are authorized and empowered in its name and on its behalf to do or cause to do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable in order to effect the execution and delivery of the Lease and the Escrow Agreement in accordance herewith, and any such prior action by them is hereby ratified and confirmed;
12. That if the Superintendent or any other RSU officer or official is for any reason unavailable to, as applicable, approve, execute or attest the Lease and the Escrow Agreement, or any related financing documents, the person or persons acting in any such capacity, whether as an assistant, a deputy or otherwise, is authorized to act for such

official with the same force and effect as if such official had herself/himself performed such act, and any such prior action by them is hereby ratified and confirmed; and

13. That the Treasurer of the RSU, in consultation with Bond Counsel, is authorized to implement written procedures with respect to the Lease for the purpose of (i) ensuring timely "remedial action" for any portion of the Lease that may become "non-qualified bonds," as those terms are defined in the Code and regulations thereunder; and (ii) monitoring the RSU's compliance following execution of the Lease with the arbitrage, yield restriction, and rebate requirements of the Code and regulations thereunder.

A true copy as adopted by a majority of the School Board, attest:



Tom Gray, Secretary
Regional School Unit No. 5