RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Library
Meeting Minutes

6:00-6:30 p.m. Q&A on the FY27 Adopted Budget

(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 June 3, 2026 meeting).

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:**
   Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Breer, Anna Child, Malik Farlow, Kara Kaikini, Lois Kilby-Chesley, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth. Moon Tussing, Student Representative (left at 8:30 p.m.)
   MEMBERS ABSENT: Colin Cheney

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**
   None

5. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**
   None

6. **GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:**
   A. Report from Board's Student Representative - Moon Tussing

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
   Pownal - Mark Dohle, Jon Morris

8. **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:**
   A. Support Staff New Hires - Brian Cummings, Bus Driver and Custodian
   B. Resignations - Eliza Bowen - MLS Ed Tech
      Andrew Chasse - FMS Office Secretary

9. **ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**
   A. Student Leadership Team - Jen Gulko and Students

10. **BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
    None

11. **POLICY REVIEW:**
    None

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
    A. Board discussion of district reconfiguration using a weighted value tool - Facilitated by the Superintendent.

13. NEW BUSINESS:
None

14. PERSONNEL:

A. **VOTED:** To approve and accept the nomination of the following personnel and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to issue contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. (Farlow – Savaiano) (8 – 1 Williams) (Board member Breer was out of the room during the vote)

1) Educators for 2nd Year Probationary Contracts:

Debra Antl
Kylie Danin
Sarah DeFilipp
Anthony DelRosso
Heather Gilpin
Kristen Hanley
Tatum Hayward
Allison Muir
Stephanie Pound
Liam Quinn
Jennifer Whitney

2) Educators for Continuing Contracts:

Renee Bucknell
Kara Constantine
Elise Dunphe Hendrix
Kent Gemmell
Abigail Gervais
Gabrielle Henke
Abigail Hight
Tristan Ingram
Juliana Kiley
Rachel Lira
Katie Lutts
Jessica McCurdy
Katie McFarland
Shaye McHatten
Elizabeth Neuts
Dana Reynolds
Joshua Schmidt
Meghan Taylor

Carolyn Volk

Madelyn White

Alena Woods

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Pownal - Matt Altieri, Mark Dohle, Taylor Steele

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. **VOTED:** To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. (Kaikini – Worth) (10 – 0)

Time In: 9:00 p.m. Time Out: 10:04 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:
None

18. ADJOURNMENT:
VOTED: To adjourn at 10:04 p.m. (Kaikini – Sink) (10 – 0)

T. H. Gray

Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools