

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 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 August 26, 2026 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Breer, Colin Cheney, Anna Child (left at 11:00 p.m.), Malik Farlow, Lois Kilby-Chesley, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth. Moon Tussing, Student Representative (left at 8:40 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kara Kaikini

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of April 29, 2026, May 6, 2026 and May 13, 2026.
(Breer – Worth) (10 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Addition of an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Recognition of Retirees

B. Report from Board's Student Representative - Moon Tussing

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kate McElligott, Freeport; Lindsay Hahn, Pownal

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Resignations/Retirement: Amber Harrison - MSS PreK Teacher
Jen Gulko - FHS Principal
Kelly Howard - PES PreK Teacher
Fred Toppan - District Computer Technician
John Pyrtek - FHS Ed Tech (Retirement)

C. Schedule of 2026-2027 Board Meetings

D. Cell Phone Implementation

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

A. Finance - Tom Gray

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Board Information Exchange and Agenda Requests

B. Facilities and Operations Committee

C. Finance Committee

- D. Stipend Committee
- E. Curriculum and Program Development
- F. Policy Committee

11. POLICY REVIEW:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve 2nd Read of the following policies:
- 1. IHBAC - Child Find
 - 2. IMBB - Exemption from Required Instruction
 - 3. IJJ - Instructional and Library-Media Materials Selection (with revisions)
 - 4. IJJ-E - Citizen's Challenge of Educational Media Form
 - 5. JRA - Student Education Records and Information
 - 6. JRA-E - Annual Notice of Student Education Records and Information Rights
- (Sink – Breer) (10 – 0)

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve expending up to an additional \$5,000 from Capital Projects Reserve Fund for the design of four tennis courts. Plans to include both post tension and asphalt options. (Farlow – Sink) (10 - 0)

- B. Weighted Values Synthesis Summary

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **1. VOTED:** To approve the Middle School Swimming Stipend Position, pending budget approval (Cheney – Savaiano) (9 - 1 Kilby-Chesley)
- 2. VOTED:** To approve the Middle School Unified Basketball Stipend Position, pending budget approval (Breer – Worth) (10 - 0)

VOTED: To continue the meeting after 10:00 p.m. (Sink - Breer) (10 - 0)

14. PERSONNEL:

- A. **VOTED:** To employ Rachel Lannino as a School Counselor at Mast Landing School for the 2026-2027 school year. (Worth – Breer) (10 - 0)

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kate McElligott, Freeport; Mark Dohle, Pownal

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 a personnel matter. (Williams – Farlow) (10 – 0)

Time In: 10:11 p.m.

Time Out: 11:10 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. 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. (Savaiano – Breer) (9 – 0)

Time In: 11:10 p.m.

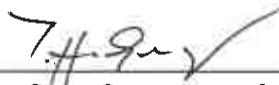
Time Out: 11:50 p.m.

19. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

20 . ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 11:50 p.m. (Savaiano – Sink) (9 – 0)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools