

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 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 September 23, 2026 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

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

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Breer, Colin Cheney, Anna Child, Melissa Jordan, Kara Kaikini, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Anne Ware, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth. Maria Abbatemarco, Student Representative (left at 7:53 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A. **VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of August 26, 2026.

(Child – Breer) (11 - 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Add Items #14.A. and B. under Personnel

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Opening of School
2. Summer Resignations and Staff Hires
3. Systems and Sustainability Update

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

11. POLICY REVIEW:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 2026-2027 Board Work Plan

- B. **VOTED:** To approve the RSU5 District Goals for 2026-2027
(Williams – Kaikini) (11 - 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. FY27 Budget Timeline

14. PERSONNEL:

- A. **VOTED:** To approve the creation of a Special Education Educational Technician position for the Mast Landing School Functional Life Skills Program due to student needs. Position to be paid from Article 2 Reserve Account.
(Sink – Cheney) (11 - 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.
- B. **VOTED:** To approve the creation of a 17.5 hour per week van driving position. Position to be paid from Substitute Driver Account.
(Williams – Kaikini) (11 - 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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. (Cheney – Breer) (11 – 0) The Student Representative voted with the majority.

Time In: 7:53 p.m.

Time Out: 8:25 p.m.

17. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:25 p.m. (Sink – Worth) (11 – 0)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools