

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
March 15, 2022

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Moriarty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Ms. Sandra Coleman
Mr. Jesse Farris
Mr. Stephen Felton
Ms. Jennifer Foote
Mr. Stephen Heath

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Kelly Avery, Principal

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell

Members Absent:

None

Mr. Jesse Farris was welcomed to the Ashland School Board.

REORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

A. School Board Chair

Mrs. Moriarty entertained nominations for Chair of the School Board.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to nominate Mr. Stephen Heath as Chair of the School Board. There being no further nominations, Mr. Heath was elected Chair by a unanimous vote in favor; roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Ms. Foote, Mr. Farris, Mr. Heath NO: --

Mrs. Moriarty turned the meeting over to Mr. Heath.

B. School Board Vice-Chair

Mr. Heath entertained nominations for Vice-Chair of the School Board.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to nominate Ms. Coleman as Vice-Chair of the School Board. There being no further nominations, the Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Ms. Foote, Mr. Farris, Mr. Heath NO: --

The motion carried 5-0.

C. School Board Secretary

Discussion ensued regarding whether there was a need to fill this position or not.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to not fill the School Board Secretary position this year. The motion carried 5-0.

D. Committee Assignments

The following Committee assignments were approved by consensus of the Board:

- ♦ Policy Review Committee – Mr. Felton; Ms. Foote
- ♦ Budget Committee – Ms. Coleman; Ms. Foote, Alternate
- ♦ NHSBA Delegate – Mr. Farris
- ♦ Wellness Committee – Ms. Coleman
- ♦ Facilities/Building Committee – Mr. Heath
- ♦ Safety Committee – Mr. Heath

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A. Regular Meeting of February 1, 2022

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2022 with noted changes. The motion carried 4-0-1; with Ms. Coleman abstaining.

B. Special Meeting of February 15, 2022

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 15, 2022 as corrected. The motion carried 4-0-1; Mr. Felton abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Temperino shared a letter that went home to parents from Fresh Picks Café regarding the potential impact of the significant cyberattack recently experienced by H.P. Hood. Although work is underway with other milk vendors, there may be a need to substitute 100% juice and/or water due to supply shortages.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal's Report

Mrs. Avery reported that enrollment as of March 7th was at 160; 156 in-person learners and 4 VLACS students.

Staff members of the month are Kent Chapman and Nick Gagnon. Mr. Chapman's position provides vital support for our students; in addition to handling discipline he makes those very important connections with students. Mr. Gagnon's enthusiasm for his subject (Science) is amazing and it shows in his classroom and around the building. Mr. Gagnon has also stepped in, in the absence of a Technology Coordinator, to provide support and assistance.

Winter Warrior Award recipients were: Annabelle McCord, Primary Tier; Brandon Dame, Intermediate Tier; and Connor Dunton, Middle Tier. Presentations were done by tier, it was great for students to celebrate with classmates.

The Winter Carnival's bonfire was on Friday; the bonfire was postponed due to a snow day the 25th. The Math Committee, on March 14 PI Day asked staff to incorporate math in all or part of their lessons to emphasize that math is all around, it was a fun successful day.

Baseball and softball will be starting in April; there are currently 13 boys and 9 girls interested; the Robotics Club has started with 8 participants; AES is looking into hosting a Title I Game Night at School; Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility (TIGER) from PSU will be doing two performances on March 25th; the Spring Book-Fair is set for May 17-20; Donuts with Your Grown-Ups is scheduled for May 20th; and the Spring Concert date is May 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym.

There was a security assessment of the school conducted on March 10th with NH Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management and members of the Safety Committee; we are looking forward to their report within the next couple of weeks.

Mrs. Avery presented handouts and reviewed details of the 8th Grade Class Trip Proposal, for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the 8th Grade Class Trip to Boston, MA as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Parents received notice yesterday of change in mitigation to Level Blue!

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B. Financial Report

Mrs. Temperino provided reported that an additional \$22,514 has been spent since the last report; 95% of the budget has been spent or encumbered. Revenue continues to lag behind due to Medicaid reimbursements; this issue is being addressed by Mrs. Dodge, Director of Student Services.

Discussion ensued regarding the unreserved fund balance. Mrs. Temperino noted that balance is still unpredictable at this time.

C. Voting Results – Warrant Articles

Mrs. Moriarty reported all Warrant Articles were successfully approved by voters on March 8th.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD - None

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2012 as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Donation

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to accept the donation as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

POLICY

No action required.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2 None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Policy Review Committee – **5:30 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Policy Review Committee – **5:30 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

NON-PUBLIC - R.S.A. 91-A:3 II (b) (c)

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:41 p.m. in accordance with R.S.A. 91-A:3 II (b)(c); for the hiring of staff; and matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Ms. Foote, Mr. Farris, Mr. Heath

NO: --

The motion carried 5-0.

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Public Session

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton to enter Public Session at 7:02 p.m. The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Ms. Foote, Mr. Farris, Mr. Heath NO: --

The motion carried 5-0.

Nomination of Professional Teaching Staff

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the Professional Teaching Staff as nominated by the Superintendent. The motion carried 5-0.

Nomination of Administrative Staff

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the nomination of Administrative Staff as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Coleman brought forward safety and security concerns with the open access to the reception foyer. Discussion ensued regarding the lock system installed, safety doors and the recent security assessment conducted with the NH Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary