

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING

Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

June 24, 2022

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Heath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Mr. Stephen Heath, Chair
Ms. Sandra Coleman, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jesse Farris
Mr. Stephen Felton

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent

Others Present:

Mr. Davide Ruell

Members Absent:

Ms. Jennifer Foote
(w/notice)

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Input regarding the withdrawal of funds in the amount of \$198,595 from the Ashland School District School Safety, Security, and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of the Ashland School Ventilation Project.

Mr. Heath called the Public Hearing to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Input:

Mr. David Ruell asked for a summary of the use for the funds. Mrs. Moriarty explained that the funds will be used specifically for electrical upgrades to support the new ventilation as well as necessary improvements.

Ms. Coleman asked about what account the funds are placed in for distribution. Mrs. Moriarty indicated that there will be future follow up provided for her question.

With no further public input, Mr. Heath closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the withdrawal of funds from the Ashland School District School Safety, Security, and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of \$198,595 for the Ashland School Ventilation Project. The motion carried 4-0.

The School Board adjusted the order of the agenda to discuss OLD BUSINESS prior to the MINUTES.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ventilation Project Update

Mrs. Moriarty provided an update regarding the Ventilation Project. Mrs. Moriarty shared that as part of the electrical contract a manifest in the amount of \$99,297.50 will be created and requested that the School Board agree to approve the manifest through email authorization. The School Board agreed to this as this payment will be due by July 10.

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Mrs. Moriarty explained that the original structural number of \$15,000 is only for drawings it does not include any construction. Today, Friday, June 24, Chair Heath, Mrs. Moriarty, Mr. Bemis, Consultant, Mr. Guyer, Consultant, representative from HEB (Structural Engineers), and representatives from Laconia Refrigeration met to discuss placement of the rooftop units. The weight of the units is between 3,300 pounds and 3,500 pounds. Following the meeting, Chair Heath, Mr. Bemis, Mr. Guyer, and the representatives from HEB and Laconia Refrigeration further explored the spaces and were more encouraged that intentional placement of the three (3) units will limit costs for structural support. There is no final number at this stage.

Mrs. Moriarty shared with the School Board a proposal for setting aside additional funds to support unanticipated costs of the Ventilation Project. The proposals are as follows:

Summary of Proposed Additional Funds for Ventilation Project	
Description	Amount
Shift up to \$30,000 encumbered from end of year (21/22) fund balance for Playground to Ventilation Project	\$30,000
Shift \$33,000 in operating budget (22/23) for an additional Building Para-Educator to Ventilation Project – this means the position will not be filled for the 22/23 school year	\$33,000
Shift \$33,000 in operating budget (22/23) for a Special Education Para-Educator to the Ventilation Project; fund Special Education Para-Educator out of Special Education Expendable Trust – requires Public Hearing and School Board vote	\$33,000
Total	\$96,000

Mr. Heath asked if Mrs. Avery had a chance to see this proposal and Mrs. Moriarty explained due to the timing they have not connected other than Mrs. Moriarty sending an email. Mrs. Moriarty indicated that the encumbered funds were the only time sensitive decision at this stage.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to approve shifting the up to \$30,000 encumbered from end of year (2021-2022) Fund Balance for the Playground to the Ventilation Project. The motion carried 4-0.

MINUTES

A. Special Meeting of June 13, 2022

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 Special School Board Meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Permission to Hire/Accept Resignations

Mrs. Moriarty explained that this is a standard practice, which Chair Heath concurred with as well. Mrs. Moriarty indicated that there are no known staffing concerns at this time and this is just a provision in case an unexpected need arises.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept resignations and hire candidates prior to the August School Board Meeting. The motion carried 4 - 0.

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POLICY

A. Polices for Second Reading and Adoption

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve second reading and adoption of the following policies, as amended:

- EFA, Availability and Distribution of Healthy Foods and Beverages
- EGAD, Copyright Compliance
- GADA, Employment References and Verification (Prohibiting Aiding & Abetting of Sexual Abuse)
- GBED/ADC/JICG, Use and Possession of Tobacco Products Banned in/on School Facilities and Grounds
- IHBG, Home Education Instruction & Access to Curricular and Co-Curricular Programs
- JLFC, Wellness Policy

The motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Moriarty
Recording Secretary Pro-Tem