

**Ashland School Board Regular Meeting
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heath called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Ashley Dolloff, Business Administrator
Mr. Guy Donnelly, AES Principal

Members Absent (with notice):

Mr. Stephen Felton
Mrs. Jennifer Foote

Others Present:

Erin Guinan, Academic Interventionist
Diana Paul, Title I Teacher
David Ruell, Press

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 5:00 p.m.*

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Learning Data Presentation

Mrs. Guinan, Academic Interventionist, and Mrs. Paul, Title I Teacher, provided an extensive presentation on student learning data and actions to improve student learning in the areas of mathematics and literacy.

VI. NONPUBLIC SESSION

A. Nonpublic Session

R.S.A. 91-A:3 II(c): This includes matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this Board, unless such a person requests an open meeting.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to enter nonpublic session at 5:54 p.m. Mr. Heath called the roll.

YES: Mr. Farris, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Heath
NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered nonpublic session at 5:54 p.m.

B. Public Session

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to reenter public session at

6:01 p.m. Mr. Heath called the roll.

YES: Mr. Farris, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Heath

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board reentered public session at 6:01 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)

A. **Transportation**

Mrs. Dolloff provided an overview of costs associated with a contract extension with Durham Transportation.

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve a five-year extension to the Durham Transportation contract.

The motion carried 3-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **2025-2026 Budget Review**

School Board Members were provided with 2025-2026 budget materials. Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the 2024 - 2025 Budget Overview. The School Board will further review the budget materials on November 18th.

IX. MINUTES

A. **Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**

The following edits to the October 15, 2024 School Board Meeting Minutes were presented by Mrs. Dolloff - adjust Primex coverage to \$10,000 and remove Mrs. Dolloff's name from being in attendance.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting.

The motion carried 3-0.

X. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. **General Operating Expenses**

A question about propane was raised and Mrs. Dolloff indicated it was for the kitchen. Mr. Farris asked about legal services. Mrs. Moriarty indicated that she would need to review her notes and follow up at a later time with the School Board.

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2005.

The motion passed 3-0.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. **Principal's Report/Enrollment Report**

Mr. Donnelly shared that AES had another successful Halloween parade on a very warm day. Socktober was a success, exceeding the goal of 45 pairs of socks to be donated to the community. First and second graders are preparing to do a short play on the first Thanksgiving. They will be inviting parents from those grades to attend. Robotics will be attending their first competition of the school year in a few weeks on 11/23 at White Mountains Regional High School. The scholastic book fair is running 11/19-11/22 with parent conferences on 11/21. The signup link has been sent out to parents. Basketball will be starting soon with their first game being at home vs. Thornton on 11/25. The PTO will host a movie night in the cafeteria on 11/15 at 6:00 p.m. Lastly, the Student Council will be promoting World Kindness Day on 11/13 with activities for the school to promote kindness.

B. **Year-to-Date (YTD) Financial Report**

The School Board reviewed the Year-to-Date Financial Report. No action was taken.

XII. NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

A. **Substitute Rate of Pay**

Mrs. Dolloff presented an increase in substitute pay from \$90/day to \$125/day, and for nurse substitute pay from \$150/day to \$225/day. Discussion ensued that the market conditions warrant a change. Mrs. Coleman shared that for nurses who are employed in hospitals/medical centers, that \$225/day is much lower than what they are making.

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to increase rate of pay for substitutes from \$90/day to \$125/day, and for nurse substitutes from \$150/day to \$225/day.

The motion carried 3-0.

B. **Tuition Rates 2024/2025 @ Cost Per Pupil**

Mrs. Dolloff review proposed cost per pupil and associated historical information.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to approve setting the tuition rates for the 2024/2025 School Year as presented.

The motion carried 3-0.

XIII. POLICY

A. **Second Readings**

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to approve the second and final readings of the following policies:

- AC-2 – Prohibition of Discrimination/Harassment on the Basis of Race – Crown Act
- BBB – Term of Office
- BBB-1 – Number of Board Members
- BBBA – Qualifications
- EFAA – School Lunch Program Meal Charge

The motion carried 3-0

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT – Closed at 6:31 p.m.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Monday, November 18, 2024

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Ashland School Board Meeting for Budget Work Session – **5:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Ashland School Board Regular Meeting – **5:00 p.m.**

C. Monday, November 18, 2024

SAU #2 Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Cafeteria

- SAU #2 Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Followed immediately by Ashland School Board Public Session to vote on 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullimore, Recording Secretary