

**Ashland School Board Regular Meeting
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, December 3, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heath called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

David Ruell, Press

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 5:04 p.m.*

V. MINUTES

A. Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting.

The motion carried 3-0-2, with Mr. Felton and Mrs. Foote abstaining.

B. Monday, November 18, 2024 Budget Work Session Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024 Budget Work Session.

The motion carried 4-0-1, with Mrs. Coleman abstaining.

VI. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2006.

The motion carried 5-0.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Mr. Donnelly presented his principal's report to the Board. Enrollment this month has remained steady. Last week, the school held a concert featuring middle-tier students who combined art and music to create a memorable performance. Students are also preparing for their winter concert on December 17th at 6:00 p.m. First and second graders performed a well-attended play about the first Thanksgiving for their families. Students will collaborate with the Ashland Garden Club to create wreaths for local businesses. Learning summaries will be available for families on December 6th. Ski equipment fittings were held for winter recreation, with new snowshoeing and tubing options added this year. The winter sports season is underway, with basketball teams playing at home today. Ashley Ulricson visited to share her experiences at West Point and emphasize the importance of remembering soldiers with cards. Lastly, the student council is hosting a winter wear drive, collecting new winter items throughout December.

B. **Year-to-Date Financial Report**

Mrs. Dolloff provided the Board with the year-to-date financial report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. **2025-2026 Budget Review**

The Board reviewed the 2025-2026 budget.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – Closed at 6:06 p.m.

X. 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. Felton moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to enter nonpublic session at 6:07 p.m. Chair Heath called the roll.

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

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Public Session**

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to reenter public session at 6:25 p.m. Chair Heath called the roll.

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

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, December 10, 2024

SAU #2 Board @ Humiston Building - Meredith

- SAU #2 Board – Budget Public Hearing – **5:00 p.m.**
- Followed immediately by Ashland School Board Public Session to vote on 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

B. Tuesday, January 7, 2024

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bullimore, Recording Secretary*