

**Ashland School Board Special Meeting
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Ashland, NH
January 7, 2020**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Glenn Dion, Chair; Ms. Deborah Boyer, Vice-Chair; Ms. Sandra Coleman; Mr. Stephen Heath

Members Absent: Mr. Jamie Lyford (with notice)

Administrators Present: Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent; Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Shannon Bartlett, AES Principal

Others Present: David Ruell

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members and guests participated in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting, December 3, 2019

Mr. Heath moved, second by Ms. Boyer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0; Mr. Dion abstained

B. Special Board Meeting, December 23, 2019

No Action; hold to February meeting.

C. Special Board Meeting, January 6, 2020

No Action; hold to February meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #1 None

COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Moriarty shared that a grant award in the amount of \$600 was received from NH Charitable Fund through the David M. Brooks Music Fund. The grant funds are earmarked for the music departments and the music/voice programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal's Report

Dr. Shannon Bartlett reported enrollment is at 163; there has been fluctuation over the past couple of weeks with student withdrawals and enrollments.

Dr. Bartlett provided an overview of events - the first of five Winter Rec sessions is this Thursday there are 88 skaters, 50 skiers or snowboarders and 6 on-campus; there are several boys and girls basketball games upcoming – it has been a pretty good season so far. Plymouth Regional High School Move Up Night is scheduled for the 27th; the high school puts on an amazing event for 8th graders and their parents. Dr. Bartlett noted that there is usually 100% participation from AES. Mrs. Sanborn has already begun working on the transition process with 8th graders, it is a lot of work and a very exciting time.

Special thanks were extended to the following: Chef Kent Hardin and Nadine Lacasse for the Incredible Holiday Dinner; Heidi Niles, Kassie Rhoades and Tim Paquette for helping with the Holiday Dinner; Fire Chief Heath, Police Chief Ulwick and Lt. Gray for being guest servers; the Ashland Garden Club, Ellen Young and Betty Belyea for helping with wreath making; and the Friends of Ashland Historical Society for coming to AES caroling in costume on the 20th.

B. Financial Report

Mrs. Temperino reported that since the last report we have improved our position by \$2,007. The monies due to the general fund from Title I and IDEA continue to impact the bottom line. Factors impacting the budget are unbudgeted long term substitutes, main building heating system, increased special education needs complicated by a reduction in IDEA funds (Speech), and Homeless Transportation. We will be monitoring this budget very closely and looking for efficiencies. We may need to look to withdrawing from the Special Education Expendable Trust as well as the School Safety, Security & Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust. (The current balance is \$247,407).

Mrs. Temperino provided a handout of with details of monthly fees and charges for electricity, in response to questions raised regarding the fluctuation of monthly expenses. There were no further questions regarding oil and electric consumption reports.

C. Facilities Committee Update

Dr. Bartlett provided an update of various projects that were completed or worked on over vacation week (see Principal's Report attached). The Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet on the 17th.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

A. NHSBA Delegate Assembly Proposed Resolutions

Board members reviewed and discussed submitted proposed resolutions. Mr. Heath will be attending the Delegate Assembly on January 25, 2020.

Mr. Heath moved, second by Mr. Dion, the Board support the NHSBA Alternative Language for Resolution #6. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dion moved, second by Ms. Coleman, the Board support Resolution #7 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dion moved, second by Ms. Boyer, the Board support Resolution #8 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Coleman moved, second by Ms. Boyer, the Board support the NHSBA Alternative Language for Resolution #9. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Mr. Dion, the Board supports NHSBA Alternative Language supporting legislation to restrict possession of firearms on school property to authorized law enforcement personnel only; Resolution #10. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dion moved, second by Mr. Heath, the Board does not support Resolution #11. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Heath moved, second by Mr. Dion, that the Board approve the payment of bills, as presented in manifest #2010 and #2011. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Memorandum of Understanding with Town of Ashland DPW – Update

Mrs. Moriarty has spoken with the Town Administrator, the amended MOU is on the January 14th Town Meeting Agenda for review and consideration.

B. Follow-Up: Budget Committee Public Hearing

No follow-up required.

POLICY

A. Policy for Third and Final Reading

Mr. Dion moved, second by Mr. Heath, to approve third and final reading of Policy DJB, Purchasing Procedure, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy for Second Reading

Ms. Coleman moved, second by Mr. Heath, to approve second reading of the following policies, as amended:

- Policy DN, Disposition of Books, Supplies and Equipment
- Policy EBCC, Emergency Care and First Aid
- Policy GBCD, Background Investigation and Criminal History Records Check
- Policy IKE, Promotion (Non-Promotion)
- Policy JH, Attendance/Truancy

Mrs. Moriarty communicated requested information from NHSBA Attorney Phillips regarding School Board Members being required to have Criminal History Background Checks completed relative to Policy GBCD. School Board members are not required, but can be included in Policy if the Board makes that decision.

Discussion ensued, consensus of the Board was to further amend Policy GBCD; to add School Board members are required to have Criminal History Background Record checks – same as volunteers. The goal of this amendment is to protect students.

The motion carried, with the amendment to Policy GBCD, unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #2 None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Cafeteria

- *First Deliberative Session* – **6:30 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **Immediately following the Deliberative Session**

C. Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School - Cafeteria

- Policy Review Committee – **5:45 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **6:30 p.m.**

D. Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – Town Elections

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dion moved, second by Ms. Coleman, to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary