

Ashland School Board Emergency Meeting
Virtual/Remote Meeting
Physical Location: Ashland Elementary School – Conference Room
Ashland NH
April 28, 2020
6:00 PM
MINUTES

Members Present: Ms. Renee Liebert, Chair*; Ms. Sandra Coleman; Mr. Stephen Felton*; Mr. Stephen Heath*; Ms. Leigh Sharps*

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent; Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent*

Others Present: Mr. David Ruell*; AES Staff Member*

*Participated remotely via Google Meet

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Liebert called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Members and guest participated in the pledge of allegiance.

NON-PUBLIC

Ms. Sharps moved, second by Ms. Coleman, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:08 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (b)(c). The Board Secretary polled the Board as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Ms. Sharps, Ms. Liebert, Mr. Heath NO: --

The motion to enter Non-Public Session was unanimous.

Mrs. Moriarty read the following regarding electronic meetings of the Board:

As Superintendent of the Ashland School District I will announce that due to Covid-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note there is a physical location for the meeting for the public. Additionally, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

- a) *Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means;*

We are utilizing the Google Meet platform for this electronic meeting. All School Board Members have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Google Meet platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen/participate to this meeting by contacting Marilyn Martell at 279-7947 for details

- b) *Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting;*

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting through notice on the Ashland School District website.

- c) *Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access;*
If anybody has a problem, please call Marilyn Martell at 279-7947.
- d) *Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.*
In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by a Roll Call vote.

The Board entered Non-Public Session at 6:10 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Sharps moved, second by Mr. Felton, to enter Public Session at 6:47 p.m. The Board Secretary polled the Board as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Ms. Sharps, Ms. Liebert, Mr. Heath NO: --

The motion to enter Public Session was unanimous.

Ms. Sharps expressed concerns regarding the physical location of the School Board Meetings during this time; is not comfortable having the school building or gymnasium open to the public. She suggested the building remain closed to the public and all meetings be held remotely.

Discussion ensued regarding eliminating public attendance other than remotely at School Board meetings until June 21, 2020 or until the Governor's Emergency Order is closed. Consensus of the Board was to conduct the meeting in the Conference Room at AES; with the Superintendent and Recording Secretary in attendance with Board members who chose to attend. Public access to School Board meetings until the Emergency Order is closed will be by Google Meet only.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms Sharps moved, second by Mr. Felton, to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. The Board Secretary polled the Board as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Ms. Sharps, Ms. Liebert, Mr. Heath NO: --

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary