

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Ashland Elementary School - Heffernan Media Center
August 3, 2022

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heath called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
 Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assist. Superintendent
 Mrs. Kelly Avery, Principal

Members Absent:

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Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of June 7, 2022

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2022 as written. The motion carried 4-0-1; Ms. Foote abstained.

B. Public Hearing and Special Meeting of June 24, 2022

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Special Meeting of June 24, 2022 as written. The motion carried 4-0-1; Ms. Foote abstained.

C. School Board Work Session of July 19, 2022

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the minutes of the School Board Work Session of July 19, 2022 as written. The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

6:10 p.m. – No comments

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Heath shared a thank you note with Board members from Dr. Bartlett for the engraved Standard Desk Chair that was sent to her, on behalf of the School Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal's Report

Mrs. Avery reported that as of August 1st there are 155 in-person learners enrolled; that number may change due to students moving out of the District. The retreat with SAU 48 Administrators this week was very informative.

Summer Blast completed a successful program this July; average daily attendance was 25 students in grades K-8. Nice job Brian Jones, Diana Paul, Kary DeCosta, Elisabeth Coleman and Jenn Lyford.

Currently there are two positions to be filled, a Middle Tier Math Teacher and one Paraprofessional.

There are currently 12 students signed up or in the process of enrolling for Kindergarten through the online registration process. The new student registration process is up and running; access for registration is through the AES Website.

Mrs. Avery noted that a Back to School Cookout/Open House is in the planning stages; the date is tentatively set for September 7th at 5:00 p.m. The newly formed Ashland PTA has been asked to coordinate the Cookout this year.

This year's school-wide theme is Warrior PRIDE – P=perseverance, R=resilience, I=integrity, D=dependable, and E=empathy.

Teacher beginning of the year workshops and plans are almost complete; handbooks would be updated and available soon also. The Maintenance crew continues to work diligently on preparing the building and grounds for the 22-23 school year. Thank you to Tim, Heidi, Morgan and Kiki for all you do!

B. Ventilation Project

Mrs. Moriarty reported that the project is moving forward. A handout was distributed which provided estimated costs and funding sources for the Ventilation & Heating Projects. Increased expenses and additional unknown costs (paving, drop ceiling, structural work, and ballards) were reviewed. The estimated project total to date is \$863,000; leaving \$69,000 in the positive at this point.

The start of school year was a concern reviewed at the Ventilation Project Committee meeting. Discussion ensued regarding potential options for the start of the school year for students and staff; more detailed information is anticipated next Tuesday at the Ventilation Committee meeting.

Consensus of the School Board was to authorize Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Avery, and Mr. Heath to meet after next Tuesday's meeting to determine the start date for students; and authorize communication with families if the school start date is changed until after Labor Day.

Further discussion ensued regarding the potential need to adjust the school calendar if the start of school is delayed. At this time no specific decisions were made without the additional information from the committee.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to approve the payment of bills, manifests #2019, #2020, #2003 and #2004. The motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS - No Action Required

NEW BUSINESS

A. ESSER Required - Ashland School Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan for 2022-2023 School Year

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve ESSER Required - Ashland School Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan for 2022-2023 School Year, as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Hiring Update

Mrs. Moriarty reiterated that there are two openings at AES; Middle Tier Math Teacher and a Special Education Paraprofessional. It is anticipated that the positions will be filled for the start of the school year. The decision was made to hold off hiring for the In-House Substitute/Building Paraprofessional position, to ensure funds would not be needed to support the Ventilation Project. Moving forward to fill that position is anticipated in November.

C. Review/School Board Feedback: Ashland Elementary School Vision Statement, Belief Statements, Commitment Statements, and Core Values

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the various documents that were provided to School Board members at the July meeting. A handout was provided with AES Vision, Belief, Commitment Statements and Core Values. Mrs. Avery has placed examples of "words in practice" in the Statements and Core Values document. Discussion will be brought forward to the next meeting, providing time for members to review the handout and complete surveys distributed in July.

D. Security Action for Education (SAFE) Grant Update

Mrs. Moriarty commended Mrs. Temperino and Mrs. Avery for working on the SAFE grant that has been submitted early to the State for consideration. \$10 million has been set aside by the State for grant funding. The grant is requesting \$100,000 to upgrade doors to safety doors and change access from key to fob entry for the two entrances and exits for the Middle Tier Wing.

Additional security work that will take place, not part of the SAFE grant, is working on the front entrance; upgrading access to the Reception Area with push button activation by the Receptionist.

POLICY**A. Policy Review Committee Minutes – June 7, 2022** (information only)**B. Policies for First Reading**

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve first reading of the following policies as amended:

- ~~—EBBC/JLCE, Emergency Care and First Aid~~
- EBBD, Indoor Air Quality
- ~~—JLCE/EBBC, Emergency Care and First Aid~~
- JLCJ, Concussions and Head Injuries
- JLCJA, Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics Participation

Ms. Coleman brought forward concerns regarding the language in Policy EBBC/JLCE regarding the number of staff with First Aid and CPR training. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the intent of the current language and option for further amendments to the policy.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to amend the motion on the floor to exclude approving Policy EBBC/JLCE and JLCE/EBBC for first reading. The motion as amended carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

6:59 PM – No comments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

B. Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to move into Non-Public Session at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with R.S.A. 91-A:3 II (c) – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting.

The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Felton, Ms. Foote, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Farris, Mr. Heath NO: --

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Session

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to return to Public Session at 7:39 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary