

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
June 13, 2022

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Heath called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Kelly Avery, Principal

Others Present:

Mr. Steven Guyer, Consultant
Mr. Paul Bemis, Engineer Consultant
Mr. Herbert, Electrical Contractor

Members Absent:

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Ashland Ventilation Project

Mr. Herbert, Electrical Contractor, provided an overview of the current electrical system, which is not up-to-code. Mr. Herbert discussed the electrical infrastructure needed to support the addition of the ventilation system. Additionally, discussion included the purchase of a transformer to support the increased electrical load. The School District will purchase the transformer and then, the transformer is turned over to Ashland Electric for ongoing maintenance and future repairs. Discussion ensued regarding purchasing a new transformer versus a refurbished transformer. Mr. Herbert shared that refurbished transformers have a good life expectancy. Additionally, the availability of a refurbished transformer is more attainable at 6 – 8 weeks versus new transformers having a waiting period of up to 96 weeks. Mr. Bemis reviewed that the cost proposal for a refurbished transformer is comparable to other costs he has reviewed for such an item. Discussion ensued that the upfront cost to the School District of approximately \$30,000 versus \$50,000 made sense as the School District will ultimately, turn the transformer over to Ashland Electric for future costs. Additionally, Mr. Bemis reviewed the structural assessment of the roof to support the roof top ventilation units. A large metal beam will be installed to support the additional load. The School Board was asked to consider approving the following expenses: \$192,805, Electrical, paid for through Expendable Trust Funds & Encumbered Year End Funds; \$30,594, Transformer, paid for through ESSER funds; \$15,000, Structural; paid for through ESSER funds and possible Expendable Trust Funds.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to approve expenses for the Ashland Ventilation Project as presented. Chair Heath called a roll call vote as Mr. Farris was attending remotely:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Moriarty confirmed with the School Board that once contracts for the above mentioned work along with the contract with Laconia Refrigeration are reviewed by legal counsel, the School Board supported her signing the contracts. The full consensus of the School Board was yes, Mrs. Moriarty should sign the contracts.

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General Operating Expenses

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2017. Chair Heath called a roll call vote as Mr. Farris was attending remotely:

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

Non-Public Session

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:30 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. Farris, Mr. Felton, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Foote, Mr. Heath NO: --

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Session

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to enter Public Session at 6:36 p.m. The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Other

The School Board scheduled a work session to discuss long-term planning on July 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ashland Elementary School Library.

Adjournment

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Chair Heath called a roll call vote as Mr. Farris was attending remotely: Mr. Farris, yes; Ms. Coleman, yes; Mr. Felton, yes; Ms. Foote, yes; Mr. Heath, yes. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Moriarty
Recording Secretary Pro-Tem