

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Ashland Elementary School - Heffernan Media Center
September 6, 2022

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

**via cell phone; out of state*

Administrators Present:

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

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell

Members Absent:

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of August 3, 2022

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2022 as written. Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board: Ms. Foote, Mr. Felton, Mr. Farris, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath – Yes. The motion carried.

B. Special Meeting of August 22, 2022

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 22, 2022 as written with one edit form should be from. Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board: Ms. Foote, Mr. Felton, Mr. Farris, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath – Yes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Opened at 6:06 p.m. – No comments

COMMUNICATIONS None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal's Report

Mrs. Avery reported that enrollment is at 163.

Staff members of the month are Jacqui McGettigan and Sarah Lindberg; both go above and beyond providing support to staff, students and families. New staff members were welcomes: John McDonough, PE/Health/Athletic Director; Liam Tremblay,

Music/Band/Chorus/Soccer Coach; and Arlene Kearns, Math Educator. We are still looking to fill one Paraprofessional position for the school year.

There are currently 11 students signed up for volleyball and 21 for soccer.

Teacher in-service training took place at the Ashland Booster Club, thank you to Ann Barney, Park & Recreation Director for coordinating this space. Currently there are 27 staff members CPR Certified – thank you Bob Bousquet. Thank you also to community member Ann Lamson for donating back to school supplies for students; and FedEx for donating 10 backpacks and back to school supplies.

The Back to School Cookout/Open House is scheduled for September 7th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

The Ashland PTO is going to handle the event this year.

Mrs. Avery provided to the School Board a list of early release days and a copy of the AES Student & Parent Handbook.

B. Ventilation Project

Mrs. Moriarty reported that the Ober Wing had the structural work completed, drop ceiling completed and new lights installed. The remaining structural work will be completed over school vacations and the remainder of the project will pick up after school gets out in June with an anticipated August 2023 completion date. Mrs. Moriarty explained that the structural work was about \$9,000 and the drop ceiling was about \$13,000. Mrs. Moriarty explained that Mr. Heath and she approved the \$13,000 even though it was over the \$10,000 limit previously established by the School Board to address additional costs. This was done because of the availability of a contractor and the close timeline of trying to get school open. Mrs. Moriarty did share that the hope is to have costs for the remainder of the structural work by the October meeting. Knowing the costs will allow for a decision to be made if the additional building para-educator position can be hired. Also, Mrs. Moriarty reminded the School Board that there may be a need to withdraw from the Special Education Expendable Trust for the special education para-educator. Ms. Coleman asked for the balance in the Special Education Expendable Trust; Mrs. Moriarty indicated the amount will be emailed to the School Board.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the payment of bills, manifests #2006. Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board:|

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

The motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS - No Action Required

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

Mr. Felton indicated that the matching of current practices with the Vision Statement, Belief Statements, Commitment Statements and Core Values was well done. Mr. Felton wondered if there is a process to regularly update the documents and who, which stakeholders, should be involved. Mr. Felton suggested the no cost informational strategic planning session

provided by the New Hampshire School Board Association might be a good idea. The consensus of the School Board was to schedule this session. Mrs. Moriarty will work to schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Ashland – Public Fireworks Display

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the history of the agreement and shared that it has been a positive experience. Mr. Felton asked about the insurance and indemnification section. Mrs. Moriarty indicated that she will ask Primex, the School District's insurance carrier, to provide feedback. The School Board will be asked to consider approving the Memorandum of Agreement at the next School Board meeting.

B. Sports Injury Emergency Action Plan

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the Sports Injury Emergency Action Plan as presented with an adjustment to page 14 as described by Mrs. Avery. Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

C. Nomination of Professional Teaching Staff for the 2022-2023 School Year

Held until after Non-Public

POLICY

A. Policies for Second Reading and Adoption

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve second reading and adoption of the following policies, as amended:

- EBBB, Indoor Air Quality
- JLCJ, Concussions and Head Injuries
- JLCJA, Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics Participation

Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

B. Policy Review Committee Minutes – August 3, 2022 (information only)

C. Policies for First Reading

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

- EB, Joint Loss Management Committee
- GBCD, Background Investigation and Criminal History Records Check
- GBI, Staff Engaging in Political Activities
- IHBH, Extended Learning Opportunities

Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

D. Policy Reviewed / No Recommended Changes

- EI, Risk Management
- GCCBD, Employee Leaves of Absence
- GCO, Professional Evaluations
- IHBAA, Determination of a Specific Learning Disability
- IHBAB, Special Education – Independent Evaluation
- IHBI, Meeting Instructional Needs of Students
- IIC, Instructional Time

E. Policies to Rescind

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to rescind policy IHGB-1, Home Education as recommended.

Vice Chair Coleman pulled the School Board:

Yes: Ms. Foote, Mr. Felton, Mr. Farris, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath No: --

The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

6:44 PM – No comments; Public Comment Closed

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, November 1, 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 (b)

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to move into Non-Public Session at 6:44 p.m. in accordance with R.S.A. 91-A:3 II (b) – The hiring of any person as a public employee and (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 Vice-Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Session

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to return to Public Session at 6:56 p.m. Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

In public session, Ms. Coleman provided words of commendation and gratitude to the Mrs. Avery, Ms. Temperino, Ms. Martell, and Mrs. Moriarty for their efforts over the past couple of years.

Nomination of Professional Teaching Staff

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the nomination of Arlene Kearns, Mathematics Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board:

Ms. Foote, Mr. Felton, Mr. Farris, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath-Yes. The motion carried, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Coleman polled the School Board: Ms. Foote, Mr. Felton, Mr. Farris, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath – Yes. The motion carried, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Moriarty
Recording Secretary Pro Tem