

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heath called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mr. Stephen Guyer, Interim Principal

Members Absent:

Mr. Stephen Felton

Others Present:

Ms. Amanda Loud, Trustee of the Trust Funds
Ms. Lisa Rollins, Trustee of the Trust Funds
Mr. David Ruell
Mrs. Heather Bullimore, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT – Opened at 5:33 p.m.

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of June 6, 2023

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting. Mrs. Foote and Mr. Heath corrected several typos in the minutes.

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2023, with edits. The motion carried 4-0.

B. Special Meeting of June 26, 2023

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 26, 2023 meeting. Mrs. Foote noted two typos in the minutes.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 26, 2023, with edits. The motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Discussion ensued regarding specific expenses.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the payment of bills, manifests #2024 and #2025. The motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the payment of bills, manifests #2026 and #2027. The motion carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Interim Principal Report

Mr. Stephen Guyer, Interim Principal, noted his appreciation for Cole Mock's help during this time of transition in the school office.

Summer Blast is coming up and will include about twenty students per day. Several paraeducators are involved. A new hire will be entering the next couple of weeks to work with special education students. The nurse has also been at the school for support.

The student handbooks are being prepared and will be done in August. Mr. Guyer noted that he will be absent on a couple of days over the summer due to some prior commitments.

Mrs. Moriarty expressed her gratitude for Mr. Guyer and the leadership team at AES including Carrie Sanborn, Erin Guinan, Theresa Merrifield, Jamie King and Sarah Lindberg. Elizabeth Hess has also been extremely helpful with special education.

B. Financial Report

Mrs. Moriarty said that the Budget Committee received copies of the voted budget and will start receiving monthly reports in October. Mr. Farris indicated that the Budget Committee was appreciative.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ventilation Project Update

Mr. Guyer presented an update on the ventilation project. The roof units are on roof, and the remaining work is up to Laconia Refrigeration.

Laconia Refrigeration is hiring Captive Air, who will be supervising the hookup, and Paul Bemis will certify the work. The goal is to finish the electrical work by July 31. Captive Air intends to be finished by August 14, and everything should be up and running by the fall.

Mrs. Moriarty and Mr. Guyer noted that Tim Paquette deserves recognition for his extra efforts on this project.

Mr. Guyer said that there was a leak after the rain last week, but there was no damage to sheetrock or insulation, only ceiling tiles. The cost for the tile is approximately \$200. Laconia Refrigeration is taking care of it, and Ashland staff will install it.

B. Hiring Update

Mrs. Moriarty shared an update on current staff openings.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Edward Doggett Scholarship – Trustees of the Trust**

The Trustees of the Trust for the Town of Ashland presented the Edward Doggett Scholarship Fund to the School Board. The current value is \$1465.76. The scholarship was established by Ashland School Board in 1978. The way it was invested, it was diminishing. The Trustees were able to stabilize it so that it would not deplete anymore. The scholarship was awarded in the 1980s and into the 1990s, but has not been awarded for a long time, because there was not enough money to do it.

The Trustees spoke to Tom Donovan with Charitable Gift Trusts at the New Hampshire Attorney General's office, and concluded that because the School Board made the decision to establish this scholarship, the School Board has the authority to decide what to do with it. The Trustees said that the School Board may wish to leave the money where it is and let it continue growing; award a scholarship for approximately \$1,500 to a student at Plymouth Regional High School; or combine these funds with an existing scholarship. The Trustees noted that the previous Ashland Elementary School Principal hoped that this scholarship would go to an Ashland student attending Plymouth Regional High School.

Mr. Heath thanked the Trustees of the Trust for the work they have done. The Board will reach out to the Trustees when they have decided how to handle the scholarship.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Heath noted that he feels it is important to show respect to the originator of the scholarship. The Board discussed the various options for the scholarships and reached consensus to revisit this item at the August School Board meeting. Mrs. Moriarty noted that it would be helpful to get a list from PRHS of all Ashland-specific scholarships. Mr. Guyer said he will do that.

B. 23-24 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Mrs. Moriarty reported that the School District received \$12,000 for Ashland Elementary School to receive fresh fruits and vegetables for the students.

C. Policies for Second Reading

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the second and final readings of the following policies, as amended:

- IHK, Character and Citizenship Education
- IKB, Homework
- IMGA, Service Animals
- JFABD, Education of Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth
- JIC, Student Conduct
- JIC-1, Prohibited Conduct
- JICDD, Student Discipline/Out-of-School Actions
- JIFCA, Hazing

The motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Closed at 6:20 p.m.

NONPUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3, II(c) This includes matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this Board.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to enter Nonpublic Session. Mr. Heath called the roll.

YES: Mr. Farris, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Heath

NO: --

The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Nonpublic Session at 6:22 p.m.

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman to return to Public Session. Mr. Heath called the roll.

YES: Mr. Farris, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Heath

NO: --

The motion carried unanimously. The Board re-entered Public Session at 6:58 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Thursday, August 17, 2023

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

B. Saturday, October 14, 2023

NHSBA Delegates Assembly – **10:30 a.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to adjourn meeting at 7:04 p.m. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullimore