

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Ashland Elementary School - Heffernan Media Center
February 7, 2023

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heath called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Members Absent:

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Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was opened at 6:15 p.m. – no comments.

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of January 3, 2023

Discussion ensued regarding edits to the minutes.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting, with edits. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Special Meeting of January 6, 2023

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2023 Special School Board Meeting. The motion carried 3-0-2, with Ms. Foote and Mr. Felton abstaining.

C. Special Meeting of January 18, 2023

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Special School Board meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Energy Grants Concept Paper

Mr. Paul Bemis presented the concept paper the School Board. The concept paper addresses the energy needs of Ashland Elementary School, particularly the cost of energy related to heating and cooling the buildings. The paper outlines why Ashland Elementary School would benefit from a federal energy grant, and specifically describes how the grant money would be used.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Bemis explained the next steps of the application process. He is waiting to hear from the New Hampshire Department of Energy to find out if Ashland Elementary School has made it into the next round of applications. This is an ongoing matter, so Mr. Bemis will prove the School Board with updates.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Enrollment/Principal's Report

Principal Kelly Avery reported that enrollment is at 161 as of January 2023 and gave an overview of current events and activities at Ashland Elementary School. See the attached Principals Report for detailed information.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2016. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Financial Report

Mrs. Moriarty presented the financial report for Ashland School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was closed at 6:58 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- School Board Meeting - **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – Town Elections / Voting

C. Thursday, April 6, 2023

Policy Committee @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Policy Committee Meeting – **5:00 p.m.**

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullimore
Recording Secretary



Principal Report

School Board Meeting 02/07/2023

- ❖ Enrollment as of February 1, 2022=161
- ❖ Staff members of the Month: Jim Wenhart & Alyssa Nelson
- ❖ Staff is participating in Into Math professional development on February 9th
- ❖ The Winter Concert was held on January 31st. It was well attended
- ❖ Student Council (4-5) are publishing a cookbook and will be sending information home with students in regards to contributing recipes and purchasing cookbooks
- ❖ Winter Warrior Awards Thursday, February 23rd @ 8:15 am in the cafe
- ❖ Winter Carnival will close out the month of February. We would like permission to have a bonfire again.
- ❖ Mrs. Merrifield and students are working on a Drama production to take place on March 9, 2023. Renee Liebert is assisting Mrs. Merrifield.
- ❖ 8th Grade has planned out their class trip. There are 2 versions. One to Lake George for an overnight stay and one to Boston for a Red Sox experience. They are leaning toward the Red Sox experience.