

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
October 4, 2022

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Heath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Stephen Felton (with notice)

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Kelly Avery, Principal

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell, Press
Mrs. Guinan, Academic Intervention Teacher
Members of the Public

Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022 with the suggested edits. The motion carried 4 – 0.

B. Special Meeting of September 22, 2022

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 22, 2022. The motion carried 4 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS (Chair Heath adjusted the agenda to address OLD BUSINESS)

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

Mrs. Moriarty explained that the Agreement has worked well and it has been a positive relationship between the School District and Town. Mrs. Moriarty explained that the Town provides a certificate of insurance and the School District is also insured. Chair Heath referenced Mr. Felton's question regarding indemnification and Mrs. Moriarty explained that she had consulted with Mrs. Temperino and indicated that there were no concerns with this section. Discussion ensued regarding signing the agreement; Mrs. Moriarty will sign on behalf of the School District. The Agreement will be sent to the Town for signature.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Foote to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Ashland as presented. The motion carried 4 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:06 p.m.*

Mr. Kendall Hughes expressed thanks on behalf of the Fireworks Committee for the School Board's support and requested a copy of the MOA once signed. Mrs. Moriarty indicated that a signed copy will be shared.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Ashland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Mrs. Avery introduced Ms. O'Connor, President AES PTO and Beth Dalton-Jandreau, Vice President AES PTO. Ms. O'Connor shared that the AES PTO is eager to help and provide support. If there are needs, the PTO hopes the School Board and School will reach out to them for assistance. The year started with eleven (11) members and after the Open House Barbeque hosted by the PTO an additional thirteen (13) members were added. The PTO is working on exploring fundraising opportunities to support summer camp, instruments, and future ideas. The School Board expressed gratitude for the PTO's energy and desire to assist.

B. Principal's Report

Mrs. Avery reported that enrollment as of October 1st, 2022 is 160 students; publicly recognized Staff members of the Month: Carrie Sanborn and Erin Guinan; publicly thanked Stacey Lucas for the new School Year signs; and publicly thanked Renee Liebert and her staff for sprucing up the AES gardens. Mrs. Avery shared the following recent field trips: Middle Tier took a field trip to Arethusa Falls in Crawford Notch; Team Respect took a field trip to the NH State House and NH History Museum; Team Integrity took a field trip to the See Science Center in Manchester; and Team Caring will be going to Moulton's Farm on October 19th. Other highlights shared: School Picture Day was September 13th; ImPact Concussion Baseline Testing for grades 5-8 took place on September 15, 2022, 54 students out of 66 participated; Open House was held on September 21st – it was wonderful to see families back in the building; the AES PTO sponsored a Welcome Back BBQ for students and families at Open House – Mrs. Avery expressed gratitude to the PTO for this effort; the Fun Run Club for grades 3-5 has begun with Sarah Lindberg as the advisor; and the Robotics Club has started with 14 students participating. Upcoming events: the Dental Clinic, Flu Clinic, Early Release and Staff Professional Development on October 7th, and the Halloween Parade will be on Friday, October 28th @ 1:00 pm

Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Guinan, Academic Intervention Teacher, provided an overview of academic data for current Grade 1 through Grade 8 students. Assessment results for NWEA and NH SAS were provided through a handout, see attached. Mrs. Guinan shared that she meets weekly with each Team to identify areas to work on for learners who needed additional assistance.

C. Ventilation Project Update

Mr. Herbert, Electrical Contractor, was scheduled to come to AES over the upcoming long weekend to change over the power. Unfortunately, Ashland Electric does not have the manpower to help this coming weekend due to manpower being shifted to the south to assist with Hurricane Ian cleanup. Mr. Herbert is willing to work on a different weekend when Ashland Electric is available, otherwise, it may need to wait until Thanksgiving Break.

The ditch which is open to accommodate the electrical transfer may be in the way for the delivery of the rooftop units which will be delivered in the near future. There is some thought that if a

pickup truck can maneuver around the ditch a delivery truck may be able to do the same. The ditch has eroded due to some heavy rains. Another option may be to fill the ditch in for the delivery and then, excavate it again for the transfer. We will know more in the coming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Extraordinary Need Grant and Accountability

Mrs. Moriarty referred the School Board to the attachment with the new legislation language that provides for Extraordinary Need Grant for Schools; Ashland Elementary qualifies for funds in an amount just over \$21,000. The funds can be used to offset the amount to be raised by local taxes. Accepting the funds does require completion and ongoing monitoring of an accountability plan. Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Moriarty will be working to complete this plan. A special meeting, although there is not time this year, or if funds are received prior to voting on the budget, may allow for the funds to be used differently, however, Mrs. Moriarty recommended that the funds be used to offset taxes as it is a very straightforward approach for the funds.

B. DOE 25/MS 25 for Signature and Annual Summary Report – Annual Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

The School Board was provided as part of the agenda materials a copy of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 Report. Mrs. Moriarty highlighted sections of the report and reported that ending on June 30, 2022 the unassigned fund balance is \$84,739.46. The DOE 25/MS 25 were distributed for School Board signatures.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Farris provided an overview of the recent New Hampshire School Boards Association Delegate Assembly on October 1. Seventy (70) people were in attendance and forty-nine (49) school districts were represented. Resolutions 1 (NHSBA Alternative Language), 3, 4, 5 (NHSBA Alternative Language), and 7 passed; Resolutions 2 was withdrawn; Resolutions 6 and 8 failed. The Continuing Resolutions for 2021 were passed as a block with the removal of number 4 and 6; number 7 was removed. New Hampshire School Board Association sent out a summary of the Delegate Assembly and updated documents to all members on October 4, 2022.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2009 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

POLICY

A. Second Reading and Adoption

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

- Policy EB, Joint Loss Management Committee
- Policy GBCD, Background Investigation and Criminal History Records Check

- Policy GBI, Staff Engaging in Political Activity
- Policy IHBH, Extended Learning Opportunities

The motion carried 4 - 0.

B. September 6, 2022 Policy Review Committee Minutes – No action required.

C. First Reading

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

- Policy EBBC/JLCE, Emergency Care and First Aid
- IJO/KA, Strong Family & Community Partnership
- IJOC, Volunteers
- JLCE/EBBC, Emergency Care and First Aid

The motion carried 4 - 0.

D. Policies Reviewed September 6, 2022 – No changes.

- ILD, Non-Educational Surveys and Questionnaires

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, November 1 2022

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- School Board Meeting – **5:00 p.m.**
- NH School Board Association Strategic Planning – **5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, December 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.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None – *Chair Heath Closed Public Comment at 7:00 p.m.*

NON-PUBLIC - R.S.A. 91-A:3 II (d)

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman to enter Non-Public Session at 7:01 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried 4 – 0.

Public Session

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Moriarty, Pro Tem Recording Secretary