

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.*
**Budget Work Session @ 5:00 p.m.*

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Ashley Dolloff, Business Administrator

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell
Mrs. Megan Wright, AES Teacher
Mrs. Carrie Sanborn, AES School Counselor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:01 p.m.*

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Regular Meeting of October 3, 2023

Mrs. Foote noted one typo in the minutes. Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2023, with edits. The motion carried 3-0-2, with Mr. Felton and Mrs. Foote abstaining.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Farris asked about “OT Services” on #2006. Mrs. Moriarty clarified that those are occupational therapy services for students with IEPs.

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the payment of bills, manifests #2006 and #2007.

The motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal's Report/Enrollment Report

Mr. Donnelly reported that the school is preparing for the annual book fair which will be November 14th-17th. There will be an open house on November 16th to welcome families into the school for the book fair.

The Halloween Parade went very well, and the community came out to experience it. Thank you to the Fire Department and Police Department for their support.

Winter sports have begun at Ashland Elementary School, with practice every day after school. Robotics is also in full swing preparing for upcoming competitions.

Parent conferences are coming up on November 20th. Online registration begins on November 15th, and parents can always call if they need assistance registering online.

AES is currently preparing for winter recreation events which will kickoff after Christmas vacation. There will be skiing at Waterville Valley, skating at PSU, and some on-campus choices.

Students have been making cards for veterans in honor of Veterans Day this week.

Mr. Donnelly hopes to provide a presentation to the School Board about core values, particularly citizenship, in December. He is working on a program which would involve eighth graders from Ashland working with seniors at Kingswood on projects that involve global citizenship. More information will be provided soon.

OLD BUSINESS**A. Ashland Ventilation Final Report**

Mrs. Moriarty shared a final financial report on the ventilation project. \$999,000 was put aside initially to support the product. To date, with all final bills (except for a small insulation project which should be approximately \$3,000) the District has paid \$925,571. This leaves about \$73,000. Taking the \$3,000 off for insulation, this number will be closer to \$70,000.

\$30,000 had previously been set aside for the playground project and the Board had decided to postpone that project in order to use those funds for the ventilation project if needed. Since that has not been necessary, Mrs. Moriarty suggested that the Board return those funds back to the playground project (up to \$30,000).

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Moriarty noted that the cost for running this system is still unknown, so this year will be a learning year. Mr. Heath asked if the district found any use for the filters we had before. Mrs. Moriarty will check with Mr. Paquette.

B. NHSBA Delegate Assembly Report

Mr. Farris shared that the Delegate Assembly was fairly straightforward and everything was voted in line with the NHSBA recommendations, with the exception of item #5. If anybody has any questions about the report, Mr. Farris is available to discuss. The Board thanked Mr. Farris for attending the assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Update

Mr. Donnelly shared that AES was randomly selected for an asbestos inspection, which was completed November 6. SAU #2 and AES are required to have an asbestos mitigation plan, so Mr. Donnelly met with Tim Paquette, Brian Swanker, and a representative from Department of Environmental Services to ensure that the paperwork was in order. Inspections are up to date. Mr. Donnelly has binders in his office with all the information regarding inspection that are available to the public at any time. No mitigation action is currently required. A letter will be shared with families tomorrow regarding the inspection.

B. Donations

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to accept the following donation, with gratitude:

- Donation from Anonymous of up to \$10,000 for the specific purchase of new L.L. Bean winter coats and snow pants for 100 Ashland Elementary School students.

The motion carried 5-0.

POLICY**A. First Readings**

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the first readings of the following policies as presented:

- EJ (3735) – Ergonomic Policy
- GBAA-R – Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
- IKE (5123) – Promotion (Non-Promotion)
- JLCD (5141) – General Provisions for Administration of Medicine

The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 6:32 p.m.*

NONPUBLIC SESSION

R.S.A. 91-A:3 II(d): This includes matters related to the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

R.S.A. 91-A:3 II(i): This includes matter related to the carrying out of emergency functions.

_ moved to enter nonpublic session at 6:33 p.m. Mr. Heath called the roll.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to reenter public session at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Heath called the roll.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Thursday, November 16, 2023

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Conference Room

- Budget Work Session – **6:00 p.m.**

B. Monday, November 20, 2023

SAU #2 Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Cafeteria

- SAU #2 Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

C. Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to adjourn meeting at 7:01 p.m.