

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.*
**Policy Review Committee Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.*

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heath called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Member Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Ashley Dolloff, Business Administrator
Mr. Guy Donnelly, AES Principal

Members Absent (with notice):

Mr. Stephen Felton
Mrs. Jennifer Foote

Others Present:

David Ruell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:05 p.m.*

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023

Mr. Heath noted that the draft minutes reflect that he abstained from every vote, yet he recalls voting on several items. Mr. Heath will reach out to Mrs. Bullimore to make those corrections.

The Board reached consensus to table voting to approve the minutes until the next Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Mrs. Dolloff presented the manifest. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Moriarty recommended that a check for Lakes Region Chimney Pro for \$6,031 be voided and that the Board approve the amended amount, \$3,721.

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2005.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Coleman asked about the CAST program. Mrs. Dolloff explained that this program pays for tuition for a student.

The motion carried 3-0.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**A. NHSBA Delegate Assembly – October 14, 2023 Proposed Resolutions**

The Board reviewed the Proposed Resolutions and reached consensus to agree with the recommendations of the NHSBA, #8-#19. Mr. Farris will attend the Delegate Assembly and vote in favor of the recommendations of the NHSBA.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**A. Principal's Report/Enrollment Report**

Mrs. Moriarty reported that there are currently 152 students enrolled in Ashland Elementary School.

Mr. Farris asked what the school's maximum capacity is. Mrs. Moriarty and Mr. Donnelly will look into this for the next School Board meeting.

Mr. Donnelly reported that the open house went very well. Fire prevention week is coming up. All AES students completed NWEA testing in September. There will be a Halloween movie night in October. Overall the school year has been off to a great start.

B. Year-End Financial Report 2022-2023

Mrs. Dolloff thanked Ms. Cheryl Somma and Ms. Kayla Allen for preparing the document for this evening. Mrs. Dolloff and Mrs. Moriarty then presented a summary of the year-end financial report for the 2022-2023.

C. Financial Year-To-Date Report

Mrs. Dolloff provided the Board with a year-to-date financial report.

D. Facilities Update

Mr. Donnelly informed the Board that there was a facilities meeting last week and another one is scheduled for October 10th.

Mr. Paul Bemis is helping with a grant to help insulate the gym roof. Water testing was completed and some tests came back testing positive and some were not, so they are being redone. If the tests come back positive, the necessary filters will be added. Those faucets are not currently in use just in case. The gymnasium boiler will be the main focus this year. Mr. Donnelly acknowledged Tim Paquette for his efforts on facility improvements. Mr. Donnelly noted that AES will be looking into updating some servers this year which will improve security in the school.

Mrs. Moriarty noted that there are still some noise issues as a result of the ventilation project; this is being looked into.

E. Budget Development Timeline 2024/2025

Mrs. Dolloff provided the Board with an overview of the budget development timeline for 2024/2025.

F. 2024 District Budget Process – Timeline of Annual Meeting and Filing Dates

Mrs. Dolloff provided the Board with an overview of the 2023 budget process and highlighted important dates.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorandum to Meredith Village Savings Bank

The Board reached consensus to sign a memorandum to Meredith Village Savings Bank to request permission for new administrative staff to be granted the authority to sign checks.

POLICY

A. First Reading

The Board reached consensus to table voting on policies until the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 6:44 p.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Policy Review Committee – **5:30 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to adjourn meeting at 6:46 p.m. The motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullimore, Recording Secretary