

SAU #2 BOARD MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Gymnasium
16 Education Drive, Ashland NH
November 20, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Billings called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Mr. Mark Billings, Chair
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman, Vice-Chair(?)
Mrs. Jennifer Foote, Secretary
Mr. Craig Baker
Mrs. Sandra Coleman
Mr. Jesse Farris
Mr. Stephen Felton
Mr. Charley Hanson
Mrs. Lisa Merrill (attended remotely)
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman

Administrators Present:

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

Others Present:

None

Members Absent (With Notice):

Ms. Siobhán Connelly
Mr. Stephen Heath
Mrs. Nancy Starmer

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:07 p.m.*

MINUTES

A. SAU #2 Board Meeting – June 5, 2023

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 5, 2023 meeting. One correction was made.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the minutes of the SAU #2 Board Meeting of June 5, 2023, with edits. The motion carried 6-0-3, with Mrs. Foote, Mr. Felton, and Mr. Farris abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Secretary of the SAU #2 Board

None.

B. Members of the SAU #2 Board

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Report

Mrs. Dolloff shared the Annual Financial Report for 2022-2023. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

B. 2024-2025 SAU #2 Proposed Budget

Mrs. Moriarty shared the 2024-2025 SAU #2 Proposed Budget with the Board. The Proposed Budget, if approved by the Board, will be presented at the Budget Public Hearing in December.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the SAU #2 Budget in the amount of \$1,437,315 for the December 13, 2023 Public Hearing. The motion carried 9-0.

C. SAU #2 Benefits Overview

Mrs. Dolloff shared the SAU #2 Benefits Overview for 2024-2025.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the SAU #2 Benefits Overview as presented. The motion carried 9-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**A. Members of the SAU #2 Board**

None.

B. Members of the Administration

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**A. Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

B. Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Inter-Lakes School Board @ Humiston Building – Conference Room

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

C. Wednesday, December 13, 2023

SAU #2 Board @ TBD

- SAU #2 Budget Public Hearing – **6:00 p.m.**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

RSA 91-A:3 II (A) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

RSA 91-A:3 II (L) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to move into Non-Public Session. Mrs. Foote called the roll.

YES: Mr. Billings, Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, Mrs. Foote, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Farris, Mr. Felton, Mr. Hanson, Mrs. Merrill

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered Nonpublic Session at 6:19 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to return to Public Session at 6:50 p.m. Mrs. Foote called the roll.

YES: Mr. Billings, Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, Mrs. Foote, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Farris, Mr. Felton, Mr. Hanson, Mrs. Merrill

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Public Session at 6:50 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 6:50 p.m.*

NEW BUSINESS, CONT.

A. Request for SAU Services

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to communicate to the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton group that at this time the SAU is not interested in pursuing the request for SAU services due to a number of factors. The motion carried 9-0.

Mrs. Moriarty will craft a response to the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton group.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. The motion carried 9-0.