

**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – HEFFERNAN MEDIA CENTER
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Mr. Jesse Farris
Mr. Stephen Felton
Mrs. Jennifer Foote
Mr. Stephen Heath, Chair

Administrators Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mrs. Sandra Coleman, Vice-Chair, with notice

Others Present:

David Ruell, Press

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:02 p.m.*

- V. MINUTES

- A. **Regular Meeting of Monday, February 5, 2024**

- Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of February 5, 2024.

- The motion carried 4 – 0.

- VI. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

- A. **General Operating Expenses**

- Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2012.

- The motion carried 4 – 0.

- VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. **Principal's Report/Enrollment Report**

- The winter carnival week before February vacation was a great success. This year, we revived the tradition of having a big bonfire, which was well-received by everyone. Dunkin Donuts donated hot cocoa for everyone. TIGER, a program from PSU, visited our K-5 students and focused on the theme of Choose Love, teaching them how to handle social situations with kindness, empathy, and love. The SAS testing started last week for our 6-8 grade students, with the writing portion being the first to commence. The 3-5 grade SAS testing will begin on Tuesday.

Despite having to cancel the previously scheduled movie night, the PTO organized a successful movie night this past Friday, when we watched *Cool Runnings*. Our theater performance is scheduled for March 27th, and the preparations are in full swing. We have also initiated a school-wide read of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, involving students from K-8, and we plan to have a culminating event for the entire school in April. Stay tuned for more details on that. Additionally, we held our Warrior Award ceremony on the Friday morning before vacation, where we recognized three students for exemplifying our core values. Lastly, we are experiencing a steady influx of transfer inquiries about our school, and we enrolled four new students last week, with the possibility of enrolling three more this week.

B. Year-to-Date Financial Report

Mrs. Dolloff provided the School Board the year-to-date Financial Report. There were no questions.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ashland School Board Scholarship made possible through the generosity of Edward N. Doggett

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the Ashland School Board Scholarship made possible through the generosity of Edward N. Doggett as presented.

B. Gymnasium Heating System

Three companies were reviewed for the Gymnasium Heating System Project. Discussion ensued regarding oil versus propane, installation needs, and costs. Mrs. Dolloff presented a memo with funding options for the project.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mr. Farris to approve Dead River Oil and Propane as the vendor for the Gymnasium Heating System Project, with the propane option, including the installation of the burners, and the purchase and installation of the propane tanks.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton to approve funding option 1 as presented to include the \$75,000 encumbered for the gym heating system, repurposing of \$32,400 originally encumbered for rubberized flooring for the gym (halls, locker rooms, stairs, and office) PO #20220159 to the Gymnasium Heating System Project, and the remaining balance to come from the repurposing as needed funds originally encumbered for Phase IV playground installation PO #20220159 (\$30,000); any remaining funds on this PO will be used for the playground.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – Closed at 6:37 p.m.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School - Heffernan Media Center

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

B. **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School - Heffernan Media Center.

- Policy Committee - **5:15 p.m.**
- Ashland School Board Regular Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

C. **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School - Heffernan Media Center.

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

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

RSA 91-A3(c) – This includes matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this Board, unless such a person requests an open meeting.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:39 p.m.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Farris, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Foote, and Mr. Heath

No: None

Motion Carried 4 – 0.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to return to Public Session at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Farris, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Foote, and Mr. Heath

No: None

Motion Carried 4 – 0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn meeting at 6:46 p.m.

The motion carried 4 – 0.