

**Ashland School Board Regular Meeting
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mrs. Jen Foote (with notice)

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell
Ms. Ann Barney

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

A. Chair

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to elect Stephen Heath as the Chair of the Ashland School Board. The motion carried 3-0-1, with Mr. Heath abstaining.

B. Vice-Chair

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to elect Sandra Coleman as the Vice-Chair of the Ashland School Board. The motion carried 3-0-1, with Ms. Coleman abstaining.

C. 2024-2025 Ashland School Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the 2024-2025 Ashland School Board meeting schedule as amended, changing March 4, 2025 to March 10, 2025. The motion carried 4-0.

D. Committees and Representatives

The Board discussed School Board Committee Members and School Board Representatives. Assignments were as follows:

- Policy Review Committee (2 Board members) – Stephen Felton & Jennifer Foote
- Budget Committee (1 Board member) – Sandra Coleman (member); Jesse Farris (alternate)
- NHSBA Delegate (1 Board member) – Jesse Farris
- Wellness Committee (1 Board member) – Sandra Coleman
- Facilities/Building Committee (1 Board member) Stephen Heath

- Safety Committee (1 Board member) – Stephen Heath
- Teacher Contract Negotiations (2 Board members) – Sandra Coleman & TBD

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

Mr. David Ruell asked who the Budget Committee representative will be. The Budget Committee begins meeting next week. The Board responded that Ms. Coleman will be the representative and Mr. Farris will be the alternate.

VI. MINUTES

A. Monday, March 11, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting. The motion carried 3-0-1, with Ms. Coleman abstaining.

VII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2013. The motion carried 4-0.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal's Report/Enrollment Report

Mr. Donnelly shared his report with the School Board. AES completed the school play last Wednesday. The students were great and the play was well-attended. The wide age span of students was fun to see. SAU #48 had their Arts night, in which AES kids grades K-8 had artwork and participated in the concert part of the evening. AES held a math game night last at which families had the opportunity to come and play math-related games. Spring sports have had a setback due to the weather, but will hopefully resume after the next storm. Plymouth Regional High school is hosting its Step Up night for all incoming freshman; this is a great opportunity to help with the transition to high school. Team Respect just finished a description writing project where the students designed their ideal candy. 47 students participated, and last Friday a winner was chosen. The winning post is below:

"Galaxy drippers are the evolution of candy. Take a bite and be transported into space like you've been ejected by the space station. When you put it in your mouth, since it is a lollipop, it goes from solid to liquid. It is so magical tasting, it's like you've been drifting in space and just found a spaceship that will save your life. The minute you take it out again, it turns into a solid. This is a limited time offer so get it while you can and stock up!"

AES will host the SAU #48 dance next Friday, April 12th. Every school in ASU #48 participates, as well as AES. AES will also be hosting a movie night on April 10th of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The Used Book Sale will be

held from April 15th-19th. Community members are encouraged to send book donations in decent condition to AES prior to April 12th. During the sale, students will be able to purchase books for the cost of \$0.10, or three for \$0.25.

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the enrollment report with the Board. Total enrollment is at 154, which is an increase of 3 students since the beginning of 2024.

B. Year-to-Date Financial Report

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request from Ashland Parks & Recreation After School Program - Bus Transportation

Mrs. Moriarty shared a request from the Ashland Parks & Recreation after-school program for bus transportation. The Board reached consensus that children in the Parks & Recreation department's after-school program may use the school bus if there is room. The bus company and Mr. Donnelly have communicated about this and moving forward the Parks & Recreation department being an established bus stop.

B. Open Positions - Treasurer, School Clerk, and Moderator

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to appoint Mr. Brian Chalmers as the Ashland School District treasurer through June 30, 2024, or until a replacement is found, whichever happens first. The motion carried 4-0.

C. Professional Staff and Administrator Nominations

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the professional nominations as present. The motion carried 4-0.

D. Department of Education Security Action for Education (SAFE) Grant 3 Grant Agreement

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the Superintendent and Vice-Chair signing the SAFE Grant Agreement as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

E. General Assurances FY 2025

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the General Assurance FY 2025 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

F. 2024-2025 School Calendar

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

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

XI. NONPUBLIC SESSION

A. Nonpublic Session

R.S.A. 91-A:3 II(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 Ms. Coleman, to enter nonpublic session at 6:38 p.m. Mr. Heath called the roll.

YES: Mr. Felton, Mr. Farris, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Session

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to reenter public session at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Heath called the roll.

YES: Mr. Felton, Mr. Farris, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Tuesday, May 7, 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.**

➤ 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.**

➤ Staff Appreciation Lunch

Mrs. Moriarty noted that the SAU Office will organize a staff appreciation lunch for the end of the year.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullimore
Recording Secretary