

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
5:00 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Heath called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Administrators Present:

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

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell, Press
Michelle Roloff, Ashland Budget Committee Member

IV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

A. Non-Public 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 Mrs. Foote, to enter Non-Public Session at 5:29 p.m.
Mr. Heath called the roll.

YES: Mr. Heath, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Farris, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Foote

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered Non-Public Session at 5:29 p.m.

B. Public Session

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to re-enter Public Session at 5:37 p.m.
Mr. Heath called the roll.

YES: Mr. Heath, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Farris, Mr. Felton, Mrs. Foote

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board re-entered Public Session at 5:37 p.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 5:05 p.m.*

VI. MINUTES

A. Regular School Board Meeting of October 7, 2025

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of October 7, 2025, with edits.

The motion carried 3 – 0 – 1. Mr. Felton abstained.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Enrollment/Principal's Report

Mr. Donnelly reported to the School Board that enrollment remains steady at 145 students. He shared that the Halloween parade was a great success with beautiful weather and strong community participation, and he thanked the local businesses that handed out candy along the parade route. Letters were sent to parents today to register for Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for November 20th. Winter sports will begin soon for both boys' and girls' basketball teams, and information regarding the winter recreation program was distributed this week to gather feedback on student activities, with ski fittings to take place after Thanksgiving. Mr. Donnelly highlighted the success of the Book Buddies program, where older students are paired with younger students to read together, fostering positive relationships across grade levels. He also noted that the morning academic support program continues to be beneficial, averaging ten students per session and helping them stay organized and on top of assignments. Lastly, the robotics program is off to a strong start, with participation ranging between 15 and 20 students.

VIII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mrs. Dolloff presented to the School Board Manifest numbers 2005 and 2006.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the payment of bills, manifest numbers 2005 and 2006.

The motion carried 5 – 0.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA) Delegate Assembly

Mr. Farris presented to the School Board an overview of the NHSBA Delegate Assembly, including the resolutions that were reviewed, approved, and those that did not pass.

B. 2025/2026 Tuition Rate

Mrs. Dolloff presented the proposed 2025/2026 tuition rate to the School Board for their review and approval.

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the 2025/2026 tuition rate as presented.

The motion carried 4 – 0 – 1. Mrs. Coleman abstained.

C. Budget Presentation 2026/2027

Mrs. Moriarty and Mrs. Dolloff presented the proposed 2026/2027 budget for Ashland Elementary School to the School Board for their review and discussion.

X. Public Comment – *Closed at 6:20 p.m.*

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**A. Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

SAU #2 Board Meeting and Budget Work Session – **5:00 p.m.** @ Ashland Elementary School – Cafeteria

- Ashland School Budget work Session immediately following the SAU #2 Board meeting and Budget Work Session.

B. Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Ashland School Board Regular Meeting @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- School Board Budget Work Session – **5:00 p.m.**
- Regular School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to adjourn meeting at 6:21p.m.

The motion carried 5 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Briggs, Recording Secretary*

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Members Absent:

Others Present:

I. NEW BUSINESS (5:29 p.m. – 5:37 p.m.)

A. Student Updates

Mrs. Moriarty provided the School Board with an update on students.

B. Personnel Discussion

Mrs. Moriarty provided the School Board with personnel updates.