

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Immediately following SAU #2 Board Meeting

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Heath called the meeting to order at 5:50 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

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Ashley Dolloff, Business Administrator
Mr. Guy Donnelly, AES Principal
Mrs. Lisa Holiday, Student Services Director
Liv Foote, Student

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Mr. Cole Mock, Technology Coordinator
Michelle Roloff, Ashland Budget Committee Member
Selectboard Member

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 5:50 p.m.*

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. First and Final Reading

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the first and final reading of policy KCD as presented.

- KCD – Public Gifts/Donation

The motion carried 5 – 0.

B. Donation

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to accept the donation as presented with gratitude.

- Donation from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$14,000 for field experiences.

The motion carried 5 – 0.

VI. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget. The School Board asked that scenarios to achieve a total of a 6% increase for the 2026/2027 school year be brought to the

December 2nd School Board meeting. The School Board will review the scenarios and determine if it is feasible to move forward with reductions.

VII. 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 6:26 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 6:26 p.m.

B. Public Session

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to re-enter Public Session at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Roloff asked about funding for the facility assessment and if recommendations from the assessment will be incorporated into the proposed budget. The administration shared that the School District is awaiting a final report and will discuss the results and subsequent budget needs with the School Board, hopefully, on December 2nd.

A member of the public discussed a conflict with the deliberative session and the Select Board meeting. The administration indicated the date will be reviewed and discussed at the December 2nd School Board meeting.

IX. Public Comment –*Closed at 7:12 p.m.*

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, December 2, 2025

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

- Regular School Board Meeting – **5:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, December 9, 2025

SAU 2 Board @ Humiston Building, Meredith – Conference Room

- SAU #2 Board Regular Meeting – Budget Public Hearing – **5:00 p.m.**
- Ashland School Board Special Meeting – **Immediately following SAU #2 Board Meeting and Budget Public Hearing.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn meeting at 7:12 p.m.

The motion carried 5 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Briggs, Recording Secretary*

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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, Ashland Principal

Others Present:

I. NEW BUSINESS (6:26 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

A. Personnel

Personnel were discussed relative to the budget process.

Mrs. Moriarty informed the School Board of a staff member's candidacy for an open position in another school district.