

**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center**  
**Monday, February 2, 2026**  
**Immediately Following Deliberative Session**

**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Heath called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Stephen Heath, Chair (absent with notice)

**Others Present:**

Mr. David Ruell, Press

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:28 p.m.*

V. MINUTES

**A. Regular School Board Meeting of January 6, 2026**

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Farris to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of January 6, 2026.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

**B. Special School Board Meeting of January 28, 2026**

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the minutes of the Special School Board meeting of January 28, 2026.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Mr. Donnelly, Principal, reported that current student enrollment stands at 150 and provided the School Board with an update on several school activities and initiatives. He shared that the National Junior Honor Society continued its annual community service effort by creating 52 Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens at Whole Village. The Math Committee completed its January Math Scavenger Hunt Home-to-School Connection activity, and NWEA testing has concluded, showing overall school-wide academic growth. The Math Team will compete in a meet in Laconia next week.

Student Council is planning winter carnival activities for the week of February 16–20, along with the Warrior Awards ceremony scheduled for the morning of February 20. Auditions for the spring play are underway, with the performance scheduled for March 17 and directed by Mrs. Merrifield. Robotics has begun preparing for the upcoming season, with approximately 20 students participating and competitions beginning this spring. The winter basketball season concluded last week with games against Campton, highlighted by a last-second three-point shot by Masyn Smith to secure a one-point victory. Both teams had successful seasons, with the boys' basketball team finishing undefeated in the Pemi-Baker League.

## **B. Year-to-Date Financial Report**

Mrs. Dolloff presented the year-to-date financial report to the School Board.

### **VII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE**

#### **A. General Operating Expenses**

Mrs. Dolloff presented to the School Board Manifest number 2011.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the payment of bills, manifest number 2011.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

### **VIII. OTHER**

#### **A. SAFE Grant Funds**

Mrs. Dolloff shared that the School District was awarded \$150,000 in SAFE Grant Funds.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to accept and expend the Safe Grant Funds.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

### **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Ashland Net Zero and Grant Project Update**

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the information from Mr. Bemis regarding the Ashland Net Zero Project. Additionally, Mrs. Moriarty shared that Ashland has been awarded a SEED grant to further support the Net Zero Project. Mr. Bemis is donating his time to support this project with the hope that it will provide a more comfortable learning environment and reduce energy costs.

**X. NEW BUSINESS****A. Free and Reduced Lunch**

Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Dolloff, and Mr. Donnelly updated the School Board on a communication sent to families regarding access to Free & Reduced Lunch and shared that since the October 1st data collection an additional 22 students are accessing Free & Reduced Lunch.

**B. Ashland Master Plan and Vision Statement**

Mrs. Moriarty shared that the Planning Board would like input on the Vision Statement for the Master Plan by February 19th. The Planning Board is hoping to include the school in the Vision Statement and have a section of the Master Plan be specific to the school. Mrs. Moriarty shared that may happen later in the spring as part of some goal setting with the community about the school.

There was discussion regarding how does the School Board know what is happening at the Pemi-Baker School District. Discussion included sharing minutes with the Ashland School Board as well as it was mentioned that the meetings are recorded. Mrs. Moriarty will share this interest with the Superintendent of SAU 48.

**C. March Meeting Date**

The March School Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m.

**D. Open Enrollment**

Mrs. Moriarty shared that there is legislation being fast-tracked for state-wide open enrollment. The School Board did not take any action and discussed an individual response, if desired, and not a School Board response.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 6:58 p.m.*****XII. 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. Felton moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:58 p.m. Mrs. Coleman called the roll.

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

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered Non-Public Session at 6:58 p.m.

**B. Public Session**

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to re-enter Public Session at 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Coleman called the roll.

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

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board re-entered Public Session at 7:05 p.m.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A. Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

- Town Election Day

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 706 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Briggs, Recording Secretary*

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**Others Present:**

**I. NEW BUSINESS (6:58 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.)**

**A. Resignation**

Mrs. Moriarty gave an update to the School Board regarding a resignation.

Mr. Farris moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to accept the resignation as presented.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

The Board expressed gratitude and well wishes to the employee

**B. Personnel Update**

Mrs. Moriarty discussed a stipend of \$2,500 for the incoming Principal to start assuming responsibilities during the transition. The School Board consensus on the matter was unanimous support.

**C. Other**

Mrs. Coleman raised an individual's concern regarding water testing results. Mrs. Moriarty and Mr. Donnelly shared that the school was in compliance.