

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Mr. Jesse Farris, Chair
Mrs. Alicia Gillis
Mr. Stephen Heath
Mrs. Jennifer Foote

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Ashley Dolloff, Business Administrator
Mr. Guy Donnelly, Principal
Mrs. Carrie Sanborn, Incoming Principal

Members Absent:

Mrs. Sandra Coleman, Vice-Chair (with notice)

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell, Press

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:06 p.m.*

V. PRESENTATION

Director Adam Denoncour from the Department of Revenue gave a presentation to the School Board.

VI. MINUTES

A. Regular School Board Meeting of March 11, 2026

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of March 11, 2026.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Enrollment/Principals Report

Mrs. Sanborn and Mr. Donnelly reviewed the enrollment report with the School Board, noting that current enrollment stands at 150 students. They shared several upcoming events and activities, including Mathalon, which will be held in Moultonborough on April 9th. STREAM Night is scheduled for April 16th and will feature a variety of activities focused on math, ELA, science, and Title I engagement.

Baseball and softball seasons are underway, currently practicing indoors, with hopes of moving outside next week. The school will also continue its partnership with the New Hampshire Science Center, which will be visiting grades 1–3 on April 15th.

Middle tier students will travel to the King Tut exhibit and tour the Freedom Trail on April 17th to support their social studies curriculum. "I Love to Read and Write Week" will take place from April 20th through April 24th, featuring a variety of school-wide events, including visits from Marek Bennett on April 21st and 23rd. A staff vs. student basketball game is also scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 22nd.

Preparations are underway for the upcoming NHSAS, with both students and staff actively preparing. The next faculty meeting will include dedicated time for staff to review procedures and ensure readiness.

Additionally, students and staff are participating in "Art Madness," a long-standing school tradition inspired by March Madness. Students vote on famous works of art, advancing their selections through bracket-style rounds.

B. Year-to-Date Financial Report

Mrs. Dolloff reviewed the year-to-date financial report with the School Board and provided a revenue update to give an overview of the district's current financial position. She then opened the floor for any questions from the Board.

C. 2023/2024 Audit

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the 2023–2024 audit, noting it was a successful review with no findings. She expressed how pleased she was to share this positive outcome and recognized Mrs. Dolloff, Mrs. Allen, and the team for their behind-the-scenes efforts and dedication that made this possible.

She also shared that the SAU Board is scheduled to meet on the 19th at 5:30 p.m., where the auditor will be present. This will provide Board members with the opportunity to ask questions, gain transparency, and review the SAU audit results, which also had no findings.

Mrs. Moriarty added that the district is on track to complete the 2024–2025 audit by June 30th of this year, bringing everything fully up to date.

VIII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mrs. Dolloff presented to the School Board Manifest number 2014.

Mrs. Gillis moved, seconded by Mr. Heath, to approve the payment of bills, manifest number 2014.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

IX. POLICY**A. First and Final Reading**

- DAF-3 Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Heath, to approve the first and final reading of DAF-3 as revised.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

X. OLD BUSINESS**A. 2026/2027 School Year Calendar**

Mr. Heath moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to approve the 2026/2027 School Year Calendar as presented.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

XI. NEW BUSINESS**A. 2026/2027 General Assurances**

Mrs. Moriarty presented the 2026–2027 General Assurances to the School Board. She informed the Board that at the May meeting, they will be voting to authorize Chair Farris and Superintendent Moriarty to sign the General Assurances.

XII. OTHER**A. NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION GRANT**

Mrs. Moriarty let the School Board know Ashland was granted \$3,922.02, the purpose of these funds will be to support and enhance music programs at the Ashland Elementary School exclusive of basic salaries and supplies.

Mrs. Gillis moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to accept the funds from the grant for use to enhance music programs at Ashland Elementary school exclusive of basic salaries and supplies.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

XIII. 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.

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Heath, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:56 p.m.
Mr. Farris called the roll.

YES: Mr. Farris, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Gillis, Mr. Heath
NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered Non-Public Session at 6:56 p.m.

B. Public Session

Mr. Heath moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to re-enter Public Session at 7:03 p.m.
Mrs. Coleman called the roll.

YES: Mr. Farris, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Gillis, Mr. Heath
NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board re-entered Public Session at 7:03 p.m.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 7:04 p.m.*

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

B. Tuesday, May 19, 2026

SAU #2 Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- SAU #2 Board Regular Meeting – **5:30 p.m.**

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heath moved, seconded by Mrs. Foote, to adjourn meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Briggs, Recording Secretary*

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I. NEW BUSINESS *(6:56 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.)*

A. School Counselor Nomination

Mrs. Moriarty presented the School Counselor Nomination to the School Board.

B. Student Update

Mrs. Moriarty shared a student update with the School Board.