

**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**  
**School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. RECORD ROLL
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| <p><b>Members Present:</b><br/>Mr. Jesse Farris, Chair<br/>Mrs. Sandra Coleman, Vice-Chair<br/>Mrs. Alicia Gillis<br/>Mr. Stephen Heath</p> <p><b>Members Absent:</b><br/>Mrs. Jennifer Foote (with notice)</p> | <p><b>Administrators Present:</b><br/>Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent<br/>Mrs. Ashley Dolloff, Business Administrator<br/>Mr. Guy Donnelly, Principal<br/>Mrs. Carrie Sanborn, Incoming Principal</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b><br/>Mr. David Ruell, Press<br/>Michelle Roloff, Ashland Budget Committee Member<br/>Doug Proctor, Turner Group</p> |
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- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:01 p.m.*
- V. PUBLIC HEARING DONATION \$50,000, CMF KIDS  
Chair Farris called the Public Hearing to order at 6:05 p.m.  
There was no public input.  
Chair Farris closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.
- VI. DONATION
- CMF Kids in the amount of \$50,000
- Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to accept the donation as presented with gratitude.  
The motion carried 4 – 0.
- VII. PRESENTATION
- Mrs. Moriarty shared that the full facility report will be reviewed by the Facilities Committee and used to develop a five-year facilities plan to address identified needs. This plan will be presented as part of the budget development process. She also expressed appreciation to Mrs. Dolloff and Mr. Donnelly for their continued work and support in completing the review.

Mr. Proctor then provided an overview of the report. Mrs. Moriarty noted that the facility review did not include a camera inspection of the plumbing system and suggested that the School Board may wish to consider using end-of-year fund balance to complete this portion of the assessment.

Mr. Farris inquired about potential plumbing issues and what repairs might entail, such as the use of epoxy lining. Mr. Proctor responded that the appropriate approach would depend on the specific conditions, particularly if the underground piping is clay, as has been suggested.

## VIII. MINUTES

### **A. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of April 7, 2026**

Mrs. Gillis moved, seconded by Mr. Heath to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of April 7, 2026.

The motion carried 3 – 0 – 1. Mrs. Coleman abstained.

## IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### **A. Enrollment/Principals Report**

Mr. Donnelly presented to the School Board, informing them that current enrollment is 149 students. Math Night will be held Wednesday evening for families from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Book Fair is scheduled for the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> and will run through May 15<sup>th</sup>. The PTO will host "Muffins in the Morning" on Tuesday to kick off the week, giving families an opportunity to enjoy breakfast together.

Baseball and softball played their first games yesterday, with baseball earning a win and softball competing in a very close game. The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony will be held on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The ATA will host its annual golf tournament on May 16<sup>th</sup> to raise money for its scholarship fund, which has been a successful fundraiser over the years.

The music department will host the spring concert on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. SAS testing and NWEA testing will begin on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Many field trips are planned for all grade levels as the school year begins to wind down.

Mr. Donnelly also thanked the AES PTO for organizing daily treats in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, noting how thoughtful the gesture was.

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

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

## X. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

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

Mrs. Dolloff presented to the School Board Manifest numbers 2015 and 2016.

Mr. Heath moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the payment of bills, manifest numbers 2015 and 2016.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

## XI. OLD BUSINESS

### **A. 2026/2027 General Assurances**

Mrs. Moriarty shared that the General Assurances were presented last month for review and are a requirement for receiving federal grant funds. There were no questions from the Board.

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Heath, to approve the 2026/2027 General Assurances and permission for the Superintendent and Chair to sign.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

## XII. NEW BUSINESS

### **A. Staffing Proposal**

The staffing proposal for the 2026–2027 school year was presented by Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Sanborn, and Mr. Donnelly. Discussion included how families will be informed about the multi-age classroom model, as well as staff feedback regarding the proposed changes. Upon approval, the school will move forward with communication to families of students in the multi-age classroom.

Mrs. Sanborn shared that conversations have already taken place with impacted staff, who expressed support for the changes as being in the best interest of students.

Mr. Heath moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the Staffing Proposal for the 2026/2027 School Year as presented.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

### **B. End-of-Year Fund Balance Projection**

Mrs. Dolloff provided an overview of the projected end-of-year fund balance. Mrs. Moriarty then reviewed potential areas for the School Board's consideration regarding the use of these funds. She noted that the Board will need to take action on this in June.

### **C. Toileting Hourly Differential**

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Coleman expressed concerns regarding the concept, particularly the decision not to utilize the School Nurse for this function. Mrs. Moriarty clarified that the request did not originate from the School Nurse, but rather reflects a change implemented at Inter-Lakes and an effort to maintain competitive paraeducator compensation in Ashland.

She also noted that there are three incoming kindergarten students anticipated to require this level of support, and that having additional trained staff available would be beneficial. The School Board agreed to revisit the discussion in June, with additional information to be provided by Administration regarding the School Nurse's perspective and current building practices.

#### **D. Proposed End-of-Year Schedule**

Mrs. Moriarty shared that there were two snow days this year and that the current proposal includes waving one of those days, noting that the school would still meet required instructional time with one day waived. Mrs. Foote submitted an email expressing support for having all students and staff conclude the school year on Friday.

Mrs. Gillis expressed concern regarding the potential impact on families, particularly related to childcare. Mrs. Sanborn provided insight into the work completed by teachers on the final teacher day, emphasizing that it plays an important role in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Gillis moved, seconded by Mr. Heath, to approve the End-of-Year Schedule as presented.

The motion carried 3 – 1.

#### **E. 2026/2027 Proposed Meal Pricing**

Mrs. Dolloff presented a proposed \$0.10 increase to meal prices. Discussion followed regarding whether this increase is sufficient, given the current \$10,000 in negative meal account balances. Mrs. Dolloff clarified that the \$10,000 reflects a multi-year deficit rather than a single-year shortfall. Administration will provide a detailed breakdown in June outlining the negative balances by school year.

Mrs. Moriarty noted that carrying negative meal balances is a trend that is not unique to Ashland. A member of the public, Michelle Roloff, a Budget Committee member, expressed concern that, given rising costs, a \$0.10 increase may not be sufficient.

Mrs. Gillis moved, seconded by Chair Farris, to approve the 2026/2027 Proposed Meal Pricing as presented.

The motion carried 3 – 1.

#### **F. Nomination**

Mr. Heath moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the nomination as presented.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 7:02 p.m.*

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A. Tuesday, May 7, 2026**

Staff appreciation at Ashland Elementary School – Lunch from the School Board

**B. Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

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

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

**C. Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Heath, to adjourn meeting at 7:03 p.m.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Briggs, Recording Secretary*