Ashland School Board Regular Meeting

Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Monday, September 14, 2026
Policy Review Committee – 5:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:
Mr. Jesse Farris, Chair
Mrs. Sandra Coleman, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Alicia Gillis
Mrs. Jennifer Foote

Members Absent with Notice:
Mr. Stephen Heath

Administrators Present:
Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Ashley Dolloff, Business Administrator
Mrs. Carrie Sanborn, Principal

Others Present:
Mr. Cole Mock, Technology Coordinator
Mr. David Ruell, Press
Michelle Roloff, Ashland Budget Committee

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:41 p.m.*

V. 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 Mrs. Gillis, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:09 p.m. Mrs. Coleman called the roll.

YES: Chair Farris, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Gillis
NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered Non-Public Session at 6:09 p.m.

B. Public Session

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to re-enter Public Session at 6:41p.m. Mrs. Coleman called the roll.

YES: Chair Farris, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. Gillis,
NO: --

The motion passed unanimously. The Board re-entered Public Session at 6:41 p.m.

VI. MINUTES

A. Regular School Board Meeting of August 4, 2026

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the minutes of the regular School Board meeting of August 4, 2026.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Enrollment/Principals Report

Mrs. Sanborn presented the Principal Report and reported a total enrollment of 136 students as of September 14, 2026. She shared that the first day of school on August 31st went very smoothly and that it was wonderful to welcome students and staff back for the new school year. As the school year gets underway, fall athletics are also in full swing, with 16 students participating in volleyball and 21 students participating in soccer. The soccer team has 15 games scheduled and is currently 1-1, with a 6-2 loss to HCS and a 7-1 victory over Thornton. Mrs. Sanborn noted that this is Mr. Tim Lindberg's second season coaching soccer and commended him for his leadership and efforts to motivate the players. The volleyball team has eight games scheduled, with its first game against Rumney on September 16th. Faith Francis and Hannah Coleman are serving as the team's new volleyball coaches and have done a great job preparing the team for the season.

In addition to athletics, the school has been active with several community-building events. The Open House and Welcome Back BBQ was held on September 9th, with the PTO sponsoring the BBQ again this year. Mrs. Sanborn expressed her appreciation for the PTO's continued support. The first SAU 48 middle school dance of the school year was also held on September 11th at Thornton Central School and was well attended by students.

Looking ahead, Mrs. Sanborn announced that the school is bringing back the tradition of monthly All School Morning Meetings. The first meeting will take place on September 18th and will be hosted by Grade 6 with support from class advisors Ms. King and Mrs. Merrifield. She explained that the purpose of the meetings is to build community, celebrate learning, reinforce the school's core values, and strengthen connections among students and staff. Each month, a different class will host the meeting.

Mrs. Sanborn also shared several upcoming fundraising opportunities to support Ashland students. The Common Man is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the student meal fund on September 27th from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the Squam Scoops Outdoor Courtyard. Local author and illustrator Ashley Crosbie will lead a story time and bubble-filled barn dance, and signed copies of The Common Man Kitty Band will be available for purchase. Additionally, the Burger Barn, located at the Ashland Owl's Nest, has reached out to

coordinate a fundraising event to benefit Ashland students. Student artwork will be auctioned as part of the event, and Mrs. Merrifield is working with the Burger Barn team to finalize the details.

VIII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mrs. Dolloff presented to the School Board Manifest number 2004

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the payment of bills, manifest number 2004.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Update

Mrs. Dolloff provided the School Board with a legislative update regarding HB 1300. She reported that an emergency injunction has been filed seeking to prevent the legislation from moving forward and that a decision from the judge is pending. The filing asserts that the ballot question is misleading to voters and argues that the question incorrectly states that there will be no impact on classroom instruction.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Data Security and Governance Policy

The School Board reached a consensus to allow additional time to review the Data Security and Governance Policy. The policy will be brought back to the next month's meeting for consideration and a vote.

B. Suicide Prevention Plan

Mrs. Moriarty and Mrs. Chase presented to the School Board the Suicide Prevention Plan. The School Board made an edit for page 22.

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, to approve the Suicide Prevention Plan as presented with edit to page 22.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

C. Long-Range Planning Session

Mrs. Moriarty presented to the School Board a Long-Range Planning session.

XI. POLICY

A. Policy EFAA

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed Policy EFAA – School Lunch Program Meal Charge for its second and final reading.

The School Board reached a consensus to allow deposits of less than $5.00 to be applied to the meal fund to help offset negative meal account balances.

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve Policy EFAA – School Lunch Program Meal Charge as a second and final reading.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

B. Policy JICK

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed Policy JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying, Pupil Safety, and Violence Prevention as a first and final reading.

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve Policy JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying, Pupil Safety, and Violence Prevention as a first and final reading.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 7:39 p.m.*

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Sunday September 27, 2026
A fundraiser for Ashland Elementary's Student Meal Fund
Scoops and Story Time @ Squam Scoops Outdoor Courtyard – Ashland
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

B. Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Ashland School Board Regular Meeting and Work Session – Ashland Elementary, Heffernan Media Center.

- **5:30 p.m.** Policy Review Committee
- **6:00 p.m.** Regular School Board Meeting

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Foote moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to adjourn meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Briggs, Recording Secretary

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Others Present:

I. NEW BUSINESS *(6:08 p.m. to 6:24 p.m.)*

A. Data Security and Governance Policy

Mr. Cole Mock, Technology Coordinator, presented a summary of the Data Security and Governance Policy. The policy will be brought back to the October meeting to allow the School Board additional time for review.