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Ashland School Board Budget Work Session

Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Thursday, November 19, 2026

MINUTES

I. Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

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

Members Absent:
Mrs. Jennifer Foote

Administrators Present:
Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Ashley Dolloff, Business Administrator
Mrs. Carrie Sanborn, Principal
Mrs. Lisa Holiday, Director of Student Services

Others Present:
Mr. Cole Mock, Technology Coordinator
Mr. Tim Paquette, Maintenance Manager

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

V. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Start Time: 5:50 p.m.
End Time: 8:02 p.m.

Mrs. Holiday, Director of Student Services, presented an overview of special education needs anticipated for next school year and the resulting budgetary impacts.

Mr. Mock, Technology Coordinator, presented an overview of the technology needs for next school year and the resulting budgetary impacts.

Mr. Paquette, Maintenance Manager, presented an overview of the facility needs for next school year and the resulting budgetary impacts. This included a review of the CIP. Included in the review was the need for a new fire alarm system and new roof for the gymnasium. Discussion ensued regarding the playground walkway and landscaping.

The administration provided proposed reductions to level fund the portion of the proposed budget not mandated by IEPs, 504s, and contractual agreements. See attached list.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed reductions. Discussions included reorganizing grade 5 to the middle school level. The School Board asked for additional reductions to be brought to the next meeting for consideration. The general consensus was to further reduce the proposed budget.

VI. PUBLIC COMENT – Closed at 8:02 p.m.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**
Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School - Heffernan Media Center
- Regular School Board Meeting – **5:00 p.m.**

B. **Tuesday, December 8, 2026**
SAU 2 Board @ Humiston Building, Meredith – Conference Room
- SAU #2– Budget Public Hearing – **5:00 p.m.**
- Ashland School Board Special Meeting – **Immediately following SAU #2 Board Meeting.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Gillis moved, seconded by Mr. Heath, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The motion carried 4 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Briggs, Recording Secretary