

**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Physical Location: Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center**  
**December 7, 2021**

**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Heath called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**RECORD ROLL**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Stephen Heath, Chair  
Ms. Sandra Coleman, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Jennifer Foote  
Mr. Stephen Felton  
Mrs. Leigh Sharps

**Administrators Present:**

Mrs. Moriarty, Superintendent  
Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Kelly Avery, Principal

**Others Present:**

Mr. Lester Brent, Technology Coordinator;  
Members Library Board of Trustees

**Members Absent:**

None

**Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting of November 2, 2021**

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2021. The motion carried 4-0-1 abstention (Ms. Sharps).

**B. Budget Presentation of November 16, 2021**

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the minutes of Budget Presentation of November 16, 2021 as corrected. The motion carried 4-0-1 abstention (Ms. Coleman).

**C. Budget Work Session of November 22, 2021**

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the minutes of Budget Work Session of November 22, 2021 as corrected. The motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. New Business – Library Trustees – Purchase Historic School**

Ms. Staples and Ms. Badger, Ashland Library Trustees provided an update to the School Board regarding a donation received to purchase the Historic School. Copies of the deed for the property were provided to the School Board. The deed provides for first refusal from the School Board regarding purchase and has other caveats about use. The Library is not seeking any changes at this stage. There is no request of the School Board at this time, the Library is providing information to the School Board at this stage only.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**A. Principal's Report**

Mrs. Avery reported that enrollment as of December 1 was 162 in-person learners and 4 VLACS students for a total enrollment of 166 students. Recognitions for the month included

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33 out of 48 Middle Tier students for Academic Achievement for Trimester 1 and staff members of the month, Kiki Abdul-Jabbar and Teresa Merrifield.

The parent conferences were held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> went well with parents either attending in-person or virtually.

Mrs. Avery shared that the Student Council made approximately 20 wreaths with the Ashland Garden Club as a token of thanks for the donations to the Halloween Parade. She also extended her thanks to community member, Anne Lameson, for her efforts in keeping the school sign updated with current information.

The mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Van was at Ashland Elementary School and provided approximately 100 doses of the vaccine to children. The van will return to Ashland in January to administer 2<sup>nd</sup> doses.

Mrs. Avery extended her thanks to Meredith Village Savings Bank for the donation of cloth masks and to the Ashland Woman's Club for a donation of \$50.00 to be used toward project week activities and supplies.

The Winter Rec Program is gearing up with plans for skiing at Waterville Valley, skating at the PSU Ice Arena and on-campus outdoor activities.

Mrs. Merrifield's art class completed a chair project resulting in an auction raising funds for the Middle Tier.

Lastly, Mrs. Avery provided a COVID-19 update as follows: As of December 1, there were 4 positive cases. She is currently working on protocols for basketball, Ashland Elementary students will be masked.

**B. Financial Report**

Mrs. Temperino provided an overview of current finances including that 94.6% of the budget has been spent and encumbered. Mrs. Temperino indicated that the School District is awaiting funds from the State related to grants.

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**A. NHSBA Delegate Assembly – October 16, 2021**

Ms. Sharps provided an overview of the NHSBA Delegate Assembly. Ms. Sharps shared that some new items were brought up at the Assembly without prior notice and with an expectation that Delegates vote. Ms. Sharps, as did others, refrained from voting because there was not an opportunity to consult with the School Board. Discussion ensued at the Assembly about the bylaws and that the current bylaws allows for the Delegate to vote or abstain.

**BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. General Operating Expenses**

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2006/#2007 as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. COVID-19 Team Updates**

Mrs. Avery reported that the COVID-19 Team continues to meet weekly to monitor data and needs. The School is maintaining the current level of mitigation which is at Orange. There are five (5) active cases which are unrelated. Protocols for basketball are being worked on for the coming season. The School is working on protocols for the Winter Recreation Program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Ashland 2021 Tax Rate**

Mrs. Temperino provide a summary of the 2021 tax rate for Ashland. The total tax rate is \$27.47; Ashland Elementary School increased from \$9.67 (2020) to \$9.76 (2021) an increase of \$0.09. Plymouth Regional decreased from \$4.70 (2020) to \$4.40 (2021). Mr. Felton asked how Ashland compares to other towns in the portion for schools. Discussion ensued regarding size of schools and assessed value of towns.

## **POLICY**

### **A. Third Reading and Adoption**

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the third reading and adoption of the following policies:

- Policy AC, Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity Employment and District Anti-Discrimination Plan, as amended
- Policy AC-R, Plan to: Prevent Discrimination, Assess the Presence of Discrimination; Intervene and Respond to Incidents of Discrimination
- Policy JICL, Internet Acceptable Use
- Policy JLC, Student Health Services
- Policy JLDBA, Behavior Management and Intervention
- Policy JLDBB, Suicide Prevention and Response
- Policy JLF, Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect
- Policy EBB, School Safety
- Policy EBBC, Emergency Care and First Aid

The motion carried 5-0.

### **B. Second Reading**

Mr. Felton, moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policy:

- Policy JICA, Dress Code

The motion carried 5-0.

### **C. Policy with minor edit for adoption**

Ms. Foote, moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to approve the minor edit and adoption of the following policy:

- Policy ACE, Procedural Safeguards: Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability

The motion carried 5-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

None

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

SAU #2 Board – Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Auditorium

- Board Meeting and Budget Work Session – **6:00 p.m.**

**B. Thursday, December 16, 2021**

SAU #2 Board – Ashland Elementary School – Cafeteria

- Public Hearing and Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

Ashland School Board Special Meeting – Ashland Elementary School – Cafeteria

- Special School Board Meeting – \***6:30 p.m.**

*\* Immediately following the SAU #2 Board Meeting*

**NON-PUBLIC - R.S.A. 91-A:3 II (b) (c) (d) (e)**

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to enter Non-Public Session at 7:18 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (b) (c) (d) (e)

The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Sharps, Ms. Foote, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Mr. Heath      NO: --

Motion carried 5-0

**Public Session**

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to enter Public Session at 7:35 p.m. The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Sharps, Ms. Foote, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Felton, Mr. Heath      NO: --

Motion carried 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. 2022-2023 Budget**

Mrs. Moriarty and Mrs. Temperino presented the School Board with a list of adjustments to the current proposal for the 2022-2023 Budget. The list provides for an overall reduction of just over \$18,000. Ms. Temperino shared draft warrant articles including a warrant article to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for Homeless Transportation. The establishment of this Fund provides for a reduction in proposed operating budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion passed 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Moriarty  
Acting Recording Secretary