

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
April 5, 2022

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CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Moriarty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Ms. Sandra Coleman
Mr. Stephen Felton
Ms. Jennifer Foote
Mr. Stephen Heath

Administrators Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Jesse Farris (w/notice)

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell
Public

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A. Regular Meeting of March 15, 2022

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by M, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2022 as corrected. The motion carried 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT #1 None

COMMUNICATIONS None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal's Report

Mrs. Avery reported that enrollment as of April 1st was at 161; 157 in-person learners and 4 VLACS students.

Cole Mock was welcomed as the IT Coordinator; he is a great addition and support to the school.

Staff member of the month is Hailey Kelley, Band and Chorus Teacher - she doesn't miss a beat in class! Students are always engaged and enjoying their learning experiences.

Parent Conferences were held on March 21st. Staff reported they were successful. Parents liked the option of an in-person or virtual meeting.

Mrs. Avery reviewed several upcoming events and activities (see attached Principal Report).

The 8th grade class trip that was approved by the School Board to go to Boston was changed due to lack of availability for a couple events. The class voted to spend the day at Canobie Lake Park for their trip.

B. Financial Report

Mrs. Temperino provided reported that an additional \$1,698 has been spent since the last report; 95% of the budget has been spent or encumbered. Revenues have not changed much to date; we can anticipate increases moving forward with Medicaid reimbursements starting to come quicker. We may not meet the estimated revenue when the tax rate was set. A review of open purchase orders has been done, we continue to work on closing what can be closed to get to the end of the year.

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BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

A. Ashland School Board Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the School Board Meeting Schedule for 2022-2023 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #2013 as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Temperino noted a typographical error, water purifier should read air purifier.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ashland School District Support Staff Benefits Overview: 7/01/22 - 6/30/23

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the Ashland School District Support Staff Benefits Overview as presented.

Mrs. Moriarty reported that there were no significant changes.

Ms. Coleman suggested reviewing definitions and benefits for support staff. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits currently provided and difficulty making any adjustments to benefits that would have a financial impact on the approved budget. Definitions will be reviewed and clarified during the next budget planning.

The motion on the floor carried 3-1.

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B. Nomination of Professional Teaching Staff

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the professional teaching staff nomination as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

C. 2021-2022 End of Year Calendar

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the proposed end of year calendar; with 2 snow days waived for students and staff the last day of school for students would be an early release on June 16th and June 17th the last day for staff. Mrs. Avery noted that with the proposed waiver the number of class hours still exceeds the required minimum standards.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the 2021-22 End of Year Calendar as presented; with 2 snow days waived. The motion carried 4-0.

D. 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 school year calendar noting that it aligns as closely with possible with SAU 48. Early Release days for professional learning will be provided by the Mrs. Avery as soon as the schedule is set.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to approve the 2022-23 school year calendar as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

E. FY23 General Assurances

Mrs. Moriarty explained that the General Assurances are a requirement in order for the District to accept Federal funds.

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Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to authorize the School Board Chair and Superintendent to sign the FY 2023 General Assurances, Requirements and Definitions for the District's Participation in Federal Programs. The motion carried 4-0.

POLICY

No action required.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2 None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

B. Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

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

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

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:38 p.m. in accordance with R.S.A. 91-A:3 II (b)(c)(d); The hiring of any person as a public employee; matters which, which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this Board, unless such person requests and open meeting; and, consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property, which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a part or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community.

The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

The motion carried 4-0.

Public Session

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Foote to enter Public Session at 7:45 p.m. The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to moving forward with the Academic Interventionist position for the 2022-2023 school year funded through ESSER III funds. The motion carried 4-0.

The Ventilation Project for the AES School Building and Gymnasium will move forward after extensive review and consideration; there is concern that availability of materials will be a challenge.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary