

Ashland School Board Emergency Meeting

Virtual/Remote Meeting

Physical Location: Heffernan Media Center, Ashland Elementary School

April 1, 2020

6:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Ms. Sandra Coleman; Mr. Stephen Heath*; Ms. Renee Liebert*; Ms. Leigh Sharps*

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent; Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent*; Dr. Shannon Bartlett, Ashland Elementary School Principal*

Others Present: Mr. David Ruell

*Participated remotely via Google Meet

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Moriarty called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Mrs. Moriarty announced that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board is following the established guidelines for social distancing and would be conducting the meeting remotely; as a result, all votes must be taken via roll call. It was noted that Ms. Coleman was present on-site. Members and guest participated in the pledge of allegiance.

REORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

A. School Board Chair

Mrs. Moriarty entertained nominations for Chair of the School Board.

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to nominate Ms. Liebert as Chair of the School Board. There being no further nominations, Ms. Liebert was elected Chair by a unanimous vote in favor; roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath, Ms. Sharps, Ms. Liebert NO: --

Mrs. Moriarty turned the meeting over to Ms. Liebert.

B. School Board Vice-Chair

Ms. Liebert entertained nominations for Vice-Chair of the School Board.

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Ms. Liebert, to nominate Mr. Heath as Vice-Chair of the School Board.

Ms. Coleman offered her name as a nomination for Vice-Chair if Mr. Heath could not assume the position at this time, due to increased responsibilities.

Ms. Sharps withdrew the nomination of Mr. Heath as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Mr. Heath, to nominate Ms. Coleman as Vice-Chair There, being no further nominations, Ms. Coleman was elected as Vice-Chair by a unanimous vote in favor; roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Heath, Ms. Sharps, Ms. Liebert, Ms. Coleman NO: --

C. School Board Secretary

Ms. Liebert entertained nominations for School Board Secretary.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to nominate Mr. Heath as Secretary of the School Board. There being no further nominations, Mr. Heath was elected as Secretary by a unanimous vote in favor; roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Ms. Sharps, Ms. Liebert, Mr. Heath NO: --

D. Committee Assignments:

The following Committee assignments were approved by consensus of the Board:

- ♦ Policy Review Committee—Mr. Heath and Ms. Liebert
- ♦ Budget Committee – Ms. Coleman; Ms. Liebert, Alternate
- ♦ NHSBA Delegate – Ms. Sharps
- ♦ Wellness Committee – Ms. Coleman
- ♦ Building Committee – Mr. Heath
- ♦ Safety Committee – Mr. Heath

UPDATE – REMOTE LEARNING

Mrs. Moriarty commended the entire staff for an amazing job of getting remote learning up and running. She also commended Dr. Bartlett for her work pulling everything together so quickly; providing support to staff and families during an unsettling time. Thanks to Food Service for preparing meals for delivery to students by Ms. Lyford – amazing team effort.

Dr. Bartlett reported they are working to get a virtual classroom time schedule out Grades K-8; trying to make sure they are coordinated so not to step on each other's toes, ensuring resources and support is written out. Some other considerations to virtual learning may need to be made based on recommendations by the NEA, NHSBA, and NHSAA; there may be some changes and tweaking to the schedule.

Dr. Bartlett noted that communication has been very good with the staff, students and families; there are a lot of check-ins by phone, on-line, and post cards sent out to students. Student work is being monitored daily, there is high student engagement at this point. It is impressive how kids are doing, and how responsive and flexible teachers have been in this whole process. The whole staff, teachers, paraeducators, custodians and food service has been wonderful ensuring things run as smoothly as possible and meals are prepared daily and delivered to students. It is a very difficult time but everyone is working very hard and continuing to collaborate as much as, as if kids were in the building. Kids are missed terribly!

Mrs. Moriarty noted that online professional development opportunities are being offered for Paraeducators; there is never enough time during the school year to provide additional PD for staff, we are making good use of this time for them where possible.

Ms. Sharps asked if any plans had been made regarding the Grade 8 Field Trip or Graduation. Dr. Bartlett responded that no plans are being made at this time in regards to field trips or 8th Grade Graduation; contact regarding reservations, etc. have been made but nothing has been decided upon at this time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #1 None

COMMUNICATIONS None

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

General Operating Expenses

Ms. Sharps moved, second by Ms. Coleman, that the Board approve the payment of bills, as presented in manifest #2015. The motion carried unanimously; roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath, Ms. Sharps, Ms. Liebert NO: --

OLD BUSINESS None

POLICY – First Reading No Action Required

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #2 None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Ashland School Board – **Remote via Google Meet** (Physical Location: Heffernan Media Center, Ashland Elementary School)

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

B. Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Policy Review Committee – **5:45 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **6:30 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heath moved, second by Ms. Sharps, to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously; roll call vote as follows:

YES: Ms. Coleman, Mr. Heath, Ms. Sharps, Ms. Liebert NO: --

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary