

**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Physical Location: Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center**  
Public Remote Access: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AshlandES/live>  
**March 2, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mrs. Moriarty read the following statement regarding electronic meetings of the Board:

*As Superintendent of the Ashland School District I will announce that due to Covid-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Board is authorized to meet electronically.*

*Please note there is no physical location for the meeting for the public remote access has been made available. Additionally, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:*

- a) *Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means;*  
*We are utilizing the YouTube link for this electronic meeting for public access. All School Board Members have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through Google Meet platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen/participate to this meeting by contacting Marilyn Martell at 279-7947 for details.*
- b) *Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting;*  
*We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting through notice on the Ashland School District website.*
- c) *Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access;*  
*If anybody has a problem, please call Marilyn Martell at 279-7947; leave a message it will go directly to email for follow-up.*
- d) *Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.*  
*In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.*

*Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by a Roll Call vote.*

**RECORD ROLL**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

None

*\*Remote attendance*

**Administrators Present:**

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent  
Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Steve Guyer, Interim Principal  
Mrs. Kelly Avery, Associate Principal

**Others Present:**

Mr. Lester Brent, Technology Coordinator  
Mr. Tim Paquette, Custodial Supervisor  
Public & Press\*

## **MINUTES**

### **A. Regular Board Meeting of February 2, 2021**

No action taken; Minutes will be brought to the April 6, 2021.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #1** None

### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to enter Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (d) at 6:06 p.m.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion on the floor, as follows:

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

Motion carries 5-0.

### **Public Session**

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to return to Public Session at 8:13 p.m.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion on the floor, as follows:

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

Motion carries 5-0.

### **COMMUNICATIONS** None

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **A. Enrollment/Principal's Report**

Mrs. Avery, Associate Principal reported that today marks 106 days of in-person learning at AES. Student enrollment is at 170; 131 in person 39 remote and two new students are in the process of registering. Winter Recreation had a five-week successful program thanks to Mrs. McGettigan and Ms. Lindberg for spearheading the program; thanks to Mrs. Merrifield for creating the K-5 Treasure Hunt; and thanks to the Middle-Tier Teachers for creating a Scavenger Hunt around town. A slideshow of winter recreation activities is now on the AES website. Thank you to the Anonymous donation of pizza and water from parents for National Pizza Day to say thank you to staff.

Student special recognitions in February include: Leighanna MacKay, NH winner of the Make the Break Contest sponsored by Achieve 3000 our Non-Fiction Computer-Based Literacy Program; Winter Warrior awards were presented to, Blair Farris, Primary Tier; Leighanna MacKay, Intermediate Tier; and Alexa Marucci, Middle Tier; and Wade Zumbach was the Banking for America raffle winner.

The Winter Carnival was a successful school-wide week ending with a bonfire, hot chocolate and marshmallows. Former student Alycia Poitras, who is studying Dental Hygiene at LRCC, will be doing a virtual dental health presentation to our Kindergarten class.

Mrs. Avery reviewed upcoming activities and events during the month of March that includes Parent/Teacher Virtual Conferences and the return of Speare Dental Clinic.

Staff members of the month are: Carry Sanborn, Guidance Counselor and Kent Chapman, Student Support; they go above and beyond in supporting the needs of our students and families during these difficult times and throughout the year.

## **B. Financial Report**

Mrs. Temperino reported that available balance has decreased by \$17,758. The total encumbered is \$1,599,176.; the current available balance is \$205,233. 94.7 % expended or encumbered. We are in a good position to fund warrant articles if they pass; the fund balance is approximately \$120,000 if we were closing the books today.

Mrs. Temperino advised the School Board that the large walk-in freezer failed and has been repaired; the failure created approximately \$3,400 loss in food resulting in a claim being filed with Primex. The Facilities Committee is recommending replacing the freezer, that decision by the Board should be moved forward as soon as possible. A new freezer would cost approximately \$21,000 which would include an integrated alarm system to avoid losses as experienced.

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to move forward with replacement of walk-in freezer as presented. The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carries 5-0

## **C. Facilities Update**

Mrs. Moriarty referenced Agenda – Attachment #4 which provides an expenditure report to-date of the CARES and SPSRF monies received.

## **D. COVID-19 Committee Updates and Recommendations**

Mr. Guyer reported that the committee meets weekly, and looks at recommendations coming out by state and federal organizations. The committee is looking for the School Board to approve flexibility for case by case review for close contact quarantine requirements; not every situation is the same.

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to approve people who are within 90-days of a prior SARS-CoV-2 infection diagnoses by PCR or antigen testing MAY BE REQUIRED to quarantine after a close contact exposure. These instances will be reviewed on a case by case basis based on current condition and recommendations, after consultation with DHHS,

The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carries 4-0-1

## **BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **A. General Operating Expenses**

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to approve the payment of manifest #2013.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion on the floor, as follows:

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

Motion carries 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS**    None

**POLICY**    No Action Required

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #2**    None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – Town Elections / Voting**

**B. Thursday, March 11, 2021**

Ashland School Board @ Remote from Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center (Public Participation via Remote Only)

- Special School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

**C. Tuesday, April 6, 2020**

Ashland School Board @ Remote from Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center (Public Participation via Remote Only)

- School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Sharps moved, seconded by Ms. Foote, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion on the floor, as follows:

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

The motion to adjourn carries 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell  
Recording Secretary

*Correction from April 8, 2021 School Board Meeting completed. MgM*