

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HEFFERNAN MEDIA CENTER, ASHLAND
February 5, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Brown; Ms. Badger; Mr. Stack; Ms. Ulricson; Ms. Wrath

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Ms. Ormond, Ms. Temperino, Ms. Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

David Ruell, Media
Philip Preston, Moderator

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MINUTES

**A. Regular Meeting,
January 2, 2013**

Ms. Ulricson moved, Ms. Badger seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2013, as printed and distributed.

The following corrections were noted:

- On page 2, fourth bullet from the bottom, should read, "The access door in the Ober Wing...".
- On page 2, the last bullet on the page, second sentence, should read, "There has always been a high level of awareness...".
- On page 7, second to last sentence from the bottom, should read, "He noted that approximately 13 children currently attend the after-school program."

The vote on the minutes, as corrected, was 4 in favor; Mr. Stack abstained.

At this time, Ms. Brown moved to agenda item #10,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**D. Final Details of First
(Deliberative) Session**

Mr. Preston, School District Moderator, was present to discuss with the Board any information it feels he might need for the upcoming deliberative session of the district meeting.

Ms. Ormond noted that the only thing they expect comment on is Article III regarding the new teacher contract. The other articles are routine. The administration will have a simple explanation of the expendable trust fund article as well.

Ms. Temperino noted that there will be a need to make a motion to correct the wording in Article III; specifically, one sentence that the school district's attorney has suggested be stricken due to a revision of the law. This will not change the article's intent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(cont'd.)*

D. Final Details of First (Deliberative) Session

In response to Mr. Stack’s question, Ms. Temperino stated that she does not expect any objection by the union to this correction.

Mr. Preston asked and was told the proposed new contract is for three years.

Ms. Ormond also noted a new expendable trust fund article for the purpose of addressing school security.

With regard to school safety and security, Mr. Preston asked why the green button to exit a door is only on the left side. Ms. Ormond noted that the buttons are scheduled to be removed and crash bars installed.

Ms. Ormond asked if Mr. Preston had any advice for her, this being her first district meeting. He only noted that introductions will be made at the beginning since there are new people on the Board, as well as new administrators.

Mr. Stack thanked Mr. Preston for coming this evening.

It was noted that Mr. Phillips, school district attorney, will also be in attendance at the district meeting.

At this time, the Board discussed and made assignments relative to who will move and second the warrant articles:

- Article 1 – To be moved by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Stack
- Article 2 – To be moved by Mr. Stack, seconded by Ms. Badger
- Article 3 – To be moved by Ms. Badger, seconded by Ms. Ulricson
- Article 4 – To be moved by Ms. Ulricson, seconded by Ms. Wrath
- Article 5 – To be moved by Ms. Wrath, seconded by Ms. Brown
- Article 6 – To be moved by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Ulricson
- Article 7 – To be moved by Ms. Ulricson, seconded by Ms. Wrath

STUDENT/TEACHER RECOGNITION

Ms. Bartlett recognized the following students-of-the-month: Katie Lane and Makayla Latuch, kindergarten; Sally Saige Inkel and Christopher Rubbe, grade 1; Madison Chipman, grade 2; Vanessa Schwartz, grade 3; Joe D’Ambruoso, grade 4; Amber Dow, grade 5; Stine Williams and Ryan Hardy, grade 6; Gilliam Mayes, grade 7; and Morgan Buyer, grade 8.

Ms. Bartlett also recognized Ms. O’Connor as staff-member-of-the-month in recognition of her time and energy spent in the language arts and computer classes. Ms. Bartlett calls on her “constantly”. She has a very positive attitude and high standards for students.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Temperino reported that she received an invitation and will be attending a meeting of the Capital Improvement Plan Committee on February 20th regarding the town’s capital improvement projects for 2013 through 2023. Ms. Brown and Ms. Bartlett indicated that they will also be attending.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd.)**B. Secretary of the School Board**

None.

C. Members of the School Board

Mr. Stack commented on a show he viewed recently that discussed a study about paying teachers \$120,000 annually. He quipped that they may not have supplies, but they will have motivated teachers. The results are expected in 5 to 8 years.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE**A. General Operating Expenses**

Mr. Stack moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, that the Board approve the payment of bills, as presented, including manifests #2021 (checks #20573-#20575 in the amount of \$3,637.60) and #2022 (checks #20576-#20621 in the amount of \$130,961.38). The vote was unanimously in favor.

In response to Ms. Brown's inquiry, Ms. Temperino clarified the checks paid to athletic officials.

In response to Mr. Stack's inquiry, Ms. Temperino stated that all 1099's were sent out on time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Temperino referred Board members to the financial reports included with the agenda and highlighted the following:

- 95.2 percent of the budget has been spent down or encumbered. Since last month, \$9,648 has been spent or encumbered, the majority of these costs associated with regular education.
- Fuel oil usage is down approximately 1,200 gallons from last year at this time.
- Legislation is currently being proposed to make up the adequacy shortfall.
- Revenues remain steady, although it is anticipated that there will be additional Medicaid monies to make budget.

Ms. Temperino clarified for Ms. Ormond her inquiry regarding the fuel oil analysis.

Ms. Brown was curious regarding the reduction in fuel oil. It was noted that the timing of deliveries could be a contributor, as well as warmer temperatures.

Ms. Temperino noted that there has been a new out-of-district placement since the last Board meeting. She will update the Board in non-public session.

Ms. Temperino reported that all paperwork has been completed on the gymnasium floor. The updated loss summary is \$101,105.12, of which the district paid a \$1,000 deductible.

The fuel oil bid was awarded to Irving Oil again with a low price of \$3.0193 per gallon; \$3.20 per gallon had been budgeted.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**A. Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Report****1. Enrollment**

Ms. Ormond referred Board members to the enrollment chart included with the agenda and noted that the overall school enrollment remains stable, with one student added this month. She expects projections to be what they predicted.

2. Legislative Update

Ms. Ormond referred Board members to her legislative update included with the agenda. She commented on the article written by Bill Duncan regarding New Hampshire public schools. She noted that she will forward copies of an article regarding cost shifting from the state to school districts that he also wrote. Legislation to be watching include:

- HB 269 regarding adequate education funding
- HB 321 regarding state-wide assessment for graduating from high school
- HB 344 regarding catastrophic aid being at least 8 percent of a district's entitlement
- SB 23 regarding starting a new SAU and superintendent for counties
- SB 70 was killed in committee
- School performance and accountability
- Looking at reversing vouchers, i.e., undoing what was done by the previous legislature

Ms. Ormond asked Board members to contact her if they have something they want her to follow more closely.

B. Principal's Report

Ms. Bartlett distributed copies of the school's interdisciplinary newsletter. She also noted National School Counselor's Week and the school's recognition of Ms. Sanborn.

Next week is "I Love to Read and Write Week". Activities planned include guest readers throughout the week. They will also have mystery readers who have recorded poems that will be played and guesses made as to the reader's identity. Some discussion ensued regarding "tub time" (sitting in the tub while reading a book). Ms. Ormond and Ms. Badger expressed their interest in reserving a time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Policy #5141.2, Concussions**

Ms. Badger moved, Ms. Ulricson seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #5141.2, Concussions, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

B. Policy #5170, Proof of Residency

Mr. Stack moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #5170, Proof of Residency, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

C. Policy #6175, Home Education

Ms. Badger moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #6175, Home Education, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

D. Final Details of First (Deliberative) Session

Taken up previously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(cont'd.)*

E. SB 2 Mailing

Ms. Ormond stated that Ms. Bartlett has a draft copy of the mailing and she will be provided information after the first (deliberative) session to update and mail.

F. 2013-2014 School Year Calendar

Ms. Badger moved, Ms. Brown seconded, to approve the proposed school year calendar for 2013-2014, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Ms. Ormond noted that she had received Plymouth's proposed calendar and noted that, while there are a few differences (different start dates, professional development days), all of the vacations line up.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy #6143, Use of Electronic Devices

Mr. Stack moved, Ms. Badger seconded, to table action on a first reading of policy #6143, Use of Electronic Devices. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Ms. Ormond commented that this is the corrected version from last month's copy. Ms. Wrath requested further clarification on those students allowed electronic devices in school.

Ms. Badger also commented that the policy should clarify students' use of their own devices in school; the policy does not prohibit them from using the school's devices. She also asked if this excludes curriculum use.

Ms. Wrath questioned why students in kindergarten through grade 3 are prohibited from carrying electronic devices. It was the Policy Review Committee's decision that it would be more of a distraction for that age group. Students that age are learning how to read and are still in the picture book stage.

Ms. Badger noted that there might be instances where special education students could use electronic devices. Ms. Ormond stated that it would be written in the student's IEP. She also noted classroom techniques that are acceptable.

Ms. Badger feels the term, "personal devices" in the policy needs to be clarified.

Ms. Brown also noted that fourth graders are beginning sports and may need to call parents on a cell phone to pick them up.

Further discussion ensued. It was noted that the policy will be brought back to the Policy Review Committee for further discussion on the distinction between bringing personal devices into school vs. using school devices, and also clarifying cell phone use.

Ms. Wrath noted that more and more students are getting Kindles at an early age.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the School Board

Ms. Brown asked for an update on school security issues. Ms. Temperino noted that Ms. Bartlett has addressed immediate needs. The meeting with homeland security officials has been delayed due to the inundation of requests they have received from others also wanting to meet with them.

Ms. Bartlett updated the Board on what has been done thus far.

B. Members of the Administration

Ms. Ormond stated that she and Ms. Bartlett have been working with SOS Computers, reviewing the school’s technology infrastructure. SOS is working with the administration to rebuild the server system and will be providing, through remote access, all support that the school needs that doesn’t require on site. They are also willing to provide on site support and will keep costs within what has been budgeted.

Ms. Bartlett noted that SOS will be coming in on a Thursday and working through the weekend to update the system. She also commented on the different operating systems on computers in the school. There is a need to either be consistent or look at leasing options for the older computers.

Some discussion ensued regarding the computer replacement program, and the current problems occurring. Ms. Bartlett commended SOS Computers for the thoroughness of their work thus far.

Ms. Ormond commented that the discussion this evening in no way impugns the reputation of the previous technology director who worked within the budget he was given.

Ms. Ulricson inquired about technology grants. Ms. Ormond noted that, in the past, there were grants for technology equipment, but not anymore. There are some grants for infrastructure. Right now, the need is to concentrate on rebuilding the system and analyzing the best way to move forward.

Ms. Ormond commented on an employee’s leave and insurance, which she stated is being handled by the central office.

C. Citizens at the Meeting

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A. Ashland School District First (Deliberative) Session
Thursday, February 7, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
William J. Tirone Gymnasium, Ashland**

**B. Ashland School Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
(Policy Review Committee to meet at 6:00 p.m.)
Heffernan Media Center, Ashland**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(cont'd.)*

**C. Ashland School District Second (Voting) Session
Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
William J. Tirone Gymnasium, Ashland**

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:07 p.m., Ms. Brown moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to move into non-public session under R.S.A. 91-A(e) for the purpose of discussing staff and student personnel. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

At 8:18 p.m., Ms. Wrath moved, Mr. Stack seconded, to return to public session. The vote was unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:19 p.m., upon a motion made by Ms. Badger, seconded by Ms. Ulricson, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Lamoureux
Recording Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION I

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Brown, Ms. Badger, Mr. Stack, Ms. Ulricson, Ms. Wrath

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Ms. Ormond, Ms. Temperino, Ms. Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

None

At 8:07 p.m., Ms. Ormond reported to the Board on a staff personnel issue. No action was taken.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II

MEMBERS PRESENT Ms. Brown, Ms. Badger, Mr. Stack, Ms. Ulricson, Ms. Wrath

MEMBERS ABSENT None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT Ms. Ormond, Ms. Temperino, Ms. Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT None

At 8:12 p.m., Ms. Temperino updated the Board on a student issue involving an out-of-district placement.

At 8:18 p.m., Ms. Wrath moved, Mr. Stack seconded, to return to public session. The vote was unanimously in favor.