

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HEFFERNAN MEDIA CENTER
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ASHLAND
February 4, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT Ms. Badger; Ms. Brown; Ms. Liebert; Ms. Ulricson; Ms. Wrath

MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT David Ruell, Media
Phil Preston, School District Moderator
Norm DeWolf, Selectman
Lynn Davis, Eli Badger, Tim Joubert

CALL TO ORDER Ms. Badger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

**A. Regular Meeting,
January 7, 2014** Ms. Brown moved, Ms. Ulricson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2014, as printed and distributed. The vote was unanimously in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Superintendent of Schools

1. Ashland Planning Board Ms. Ormond referred Board members to the abutter's notifications she received regarding new construction in town. The notifications are for information only.

**B. Secretary of the
School Board** None.

**C. Members of the
School Board**

**1. Chair – NHDOE
Expanded Cabinet** Mr. Badger reported on a visit she, Ms. Ormond, Ms. Bartlett and Mr. Baetz recently made to the Department of Education to present on Mass Customized Learning. Ms. Bartlett provided a powerpoint and answered questions. Mr. Baetz then gave a brief presentation on e-portfolios. It was well received.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

**A. General Operating
Expenses** Ms. Ulricson moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, that the Board approve the payment of bills, as presented, including manifests #2019 (checks #21794 through #21796 in the amount of \$3,648.59) and #2020 (checks #21797 through #21849 in the amount of \$107,730.82). The vote was unanimously in favor.

Ms. Temperino responded to Ms. Ulricson's questions regarding a few of the payments.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board members were referred to the current financial report which was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Temperino highlighted the following:

- 90.9 percent of the budget has been spent down or encumbered; \$7,306 since last month.
- There are no changes to revenues.
- Electricity costs are down; fuel usage is up since last year.
- The food service account broke even for December.
- There are no changes in special education out-of-district placements and, overall, special education is holding steady.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**A. Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent****1. Enrollments**

Board members were referred to the enrollment report included in the agenda packet. It was noted that there was an increase of two students from last month.

2. Senator's Roundtable Discussion

Ms. Ormond reported that she attended a roundtable discussion with Senator Jeannie Forrester last month in Plymouth. Senator Forrester was asking for input from superintendents regarding education bills being considered in the Senate. Discussion included Common Core, special education funding, lack of social services outside of school, home education and mandatory attendance.

On Monday, Ms. Ormond attended a legislative forum in Concord to discuss the following: a bill to repeal new teacher tenure, a committee to study Common Core, and issues around submission of data to be no later than October 1 for tax bill purposes. There is currently a Senate bill being considered that would address bullying, and new rulings on child restraint and recording requirements. A House bill being heard now speaks to duplicate services and Medicaid. There are several pending bills on charter schools regarding whose money should be used to pay – adequacy or town raised money – and, if a child is coded, who should be responsible.

Ms. Ormond stated that she will continue to keep the Board updated on legislative issues.

B. Principal's Report

Ms. Bartlett named Ann Welch and Mike Metcalfe as staff-members-of-the-month in recognition for their work on tracking data. She noted Ms. Welch's extra time spent, team work, and her dedication to getting things done the "right" way. She also noted Mr. Metcalfe's rapport with students and his willingness to learn all the new ways. He also does what needs to be done.

Ms. Bartlett also highlighted the following:

- Safety updates are continuing. Everything is hooked up in the new receptionist's office. The first entry door is now unlocked. New keypads will be put in a couple of weeks, and FOBS will be issued to staff.

B. Principal's Report *(cont'd.)*

- The new/used server from the Inter-Lakes School District has arrived and they are helping our staff in transferring data onto it.
- Students are participating in a community project of making and delivering valentines to town businesses.
- NWEA testing was recently completed. Based upon the results, the staff are reevaluating groups and moving some students.
- Ms. Bartlett distributed information regarding the results, which shows significant growth, and spoke to it. She noted that some students have already met the benchmark or a year's worth of growth in half a year.
- A letter was sent home to parents regarding the new, multi-page, individualized report card format. Ms. Bartlett showed a sample via powerpoint of what it looks like. She noted that the letter included directions for accessing their child's report card.
- At the staff meeting today, Ms. Bartlett stated that they discussed doing something similar to student-of-the-month in recognizing students who show significant growth. They are still in the process of formulating it.
- The Principal's Advisory Committee meeting will be held February 18th.

Ms. Badger noted, and it was confirmed by Ms. Bartlett, that it takes significant time to input e-portfolios. She spoke to the process.

Ms. Ormond asked who had worked on inputting the e-portfolios and how much time had been spent outside of work time. Ms. Bartlett stated that she and Ms. McGettigan had done the work which began at Christmas. She also noted that, at the end of each term, it will take as much time to input new data. Some discussion ensued regarding the process for uploading outcomes. Ms. Bartlett stated that it is an ongoing process.

Ms. Liebert noted that she had trouble with a computer last week while helping a teacher. It was explained that it was the server overloading. The second server will help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Policy #5149.2, Hazing**

Ms. Liebert moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to approve a second reading of policy #5149.2, Hazing, as revised. The vote was unanimously in favor.

B. Policy #5131, Conduct

Ms. Brown moved, Ms. Ulricson seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #5131, Conduct, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(cont'd.)*

- C. Policy #5148, Weapons on School Property/ Gun-Free Schools Act** Ms. Liebert moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #5148, Weapons on School Property/Gun Free Schools Act, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- D. Policy #6143, Use of Electronic Devices** Ms. Brown moved, Ms. Ulricson seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #6143, Use of Electronic Devices, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- E. Policy #6171, Special Education – Independent Educational Evaluation** Ms. Wrath moved, Ms. Liebert seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #6171, Special Education – Independent Educational Evaluation, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- F. Policy #6173, Instruction of Temporarily Home-Bound Students** Ms. Ulricson moved, Ms. Brown seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #6173, Instruction of Temporarily Home-Bound Students, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- G. Policy #6181, Distance Education/Online Education/E-Learning** Ms. Liebert moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #6181, Distance Education/Online Education/E-Learning, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- H. Policy #6181.1, Extended Learning Opportunities** Ms. Brown moved, Ms. Ulricson seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #6181.1, Extended Learning Opportunities, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- I. Policy #9100, Regulations and Policies of the Ashland School Board** Ms. Wrath moved, Ms. Liebert seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #9100, Regulations and policies of the Ashland School Board, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- J. Policy #9111.1, Method of Election** Ms. Ulricson moved, Ms. Brown seconded, to approve a third and final reading of policy #9111.1, Method of Election, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- K. Final Details of First (Deliberative) Session** Ms. Badger noted that the deliberative session will be held this Thursday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Preston, school district moderator, was in attendance to gain information on what will be included on the warrant. Ms. Badger briefly reviewed the warrant. It was noted that no motions, unless there are any amendments, would be made. There will be handouts available at the meeting. The respective workers will be there, as well as the attorney.
- L. 2014-2015 School Year Calendar** Ms. Ormond noted that there is only a few days' difference between the proposed Ashland calendar and Plymouth's; SAU 48 will have two weeks off in December.
- Ms. Ulricson moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to approve the proposed 2014-2015 school year calendar, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy #5149.1, Pupil Bullying** Ms. Ulricson moved, Ms. Brown seconded, to approve a first reading of policy #5149.1, Pupil Bullying, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor. Ms. Ormond briefly reviewed the revisions.
- B. Policy #6167, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973** Ms. Liebert moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to approve a first reading of policy #6167, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Members of the School Board** None.
- B. Members of the Administration** None.
- C. Citizens at the Meeting** None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Ashland School District First (Deliberative) Session**
Thursday, February 6, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
William J. Tirone Gymnasium, Ashland
- B. Ashland School Board Regular Meeting**
Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
(Policy Review Committee to meet at 5:30 p.m.) – No Policy Review Committee meeting.
Heffernan Media Center, Ashland
- C. Ashland School District Second (Voting) Session**
Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
William J. Tirone Gymnasium, Ashland

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:19 p.m., Ms. Ulricson moved, Ms. Brown seconded, to move into non-public session under R.S.A. 91-A:3(c) for the purpose of discussing staff and student personnel. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

At 7:44 p.m., upon a motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Wrath, the Board returned to public session on a unanimous vote in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:44 p.m., upon a motion made by Ms. Liebert, seconded by Ms. Wrath, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Lamoureux
Recording Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION I

MEMBERS PRESENT Ms. Badger, Ms. Brown, Ms. Liebert, Ms. Ulricson, Ms. Wrath

MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT None

At 7:19 p.m., the Board discussed a tuition waiver request for 2015-2016.

Ms. Wrath moved, Ms. Brown seconded, to approve a tuition waiver, as requested, for the 2015-2016 school year. The vote was unanimously in favor.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II

MEMBERS PRESENT Ms. Badger, Ms. Brown, Ms. Liebert, Ms. Ulricson, Ms. Wrath

MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT None

At 7:33 p.m., the Board discussed a retirement request.

Ms. Brown moved, Ms. Ulricson seconded, to approve Stephen Heath's request to retire June 30, 2014, using the retirement incentive of the Ashland Teachers Agreement. Further, that this approval not be considered precedent setting. The vote was unanimously in favor.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION III

MEMBERS PRESENT Ms. Badger, Ms. Brown, Ms. Liebert, Ms. Ulricson, Ms. Wrath

MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT None

At 7:42 p.m., Ms. Bartlett updated the Board regarding a personnel issue.

At 7:44 p.m., Ms. Brown moved, Ms. Wrath seconded, to return to public session. The vote was unanimously in favor.