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**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HEFFERNAN MEDIA CENTER, ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
June 7, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Coleman, Dr. Davis, Mr. Dion, Ms. Liebert, Mr. Lyford

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Ms. Temperino, Mr. DiCecca, Ms. Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Ms. Ormond, with notice

OTHERS PRESENT

David Ruell, Media
Mary Moriarty, Incoming Superintendent
Jacqui McGettigan, Ellen Young, Teresa Merrifield
Ashley Dolloff, Human Resources Director, SAU 2
Mardean Badger, Resident
Lester Brent, AES Technology Coordinator
Jennifer Lyford, Parent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dion called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Council

Members of the Student Council addressed the Board regarding raising money for playground equipment. They reported that they have reached their goal of raising \$10,000 and they also received a donation from Meredith Village Savings Bank in the amount of \$10,000. They also received another donation from Jeremy Hiltz in the amount of \$1,500. The students distributed pictures of the slide to be purchased, and received thanks from the Board relative to their efforts.

**C. NH Department of
Education – Ashland
NG2 Grant**

Tabled.

B. iPad Leasing

Lester Brent, Technology Coordinator for Ashland School, addressed the Board relative to a proposed lease plan for iPads. He distributed information regarding the cost, noting that leasing vs. purchasing would ultimately be cheaper by \$3,165.42 in the first year. He noted that accessories would include hard cases vs. rubber ones.

Mr. Brent responded to questions raised by Board members for clarification on the plan and where the iPads would be used. Mrs. Bartlett also commented on the Learning Google classroom. Mr. Brent was thanked for his presentation.

MINUTES

**A. Regular Meeting,
May 3, 2016**

Ms. Liebert moved, Ms. Coleman seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 2016, as printed and distributed. It was noted that pages 3 through 5 did not appear with the agenda packet sent out. The vote was unanimously in favor.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**A. General Operating Expenses**

Dr. Davis moved, Ms. Liebert seconded, that the Board approve the payment of bills, as presented, including manifests #2026 (checks #24577 through #24580 in the amount of \$2,881.86), and #2027 (checks #24607 through #24665 in the amount of \$140,368.51). The vote on the motion was unanimously in favor.

B. Financial Report for 2015-2016

Ms. Temperino reported that \$510 was spent down or encumbered since last month. Revenues have increased through Medicaid reimbursement. At this time, approximately \$239,000 is the anticipated surplus, with \$100,000 promised to reduce the tax assessment and \$75,000 to be put into the Facilities Expendable Trust Fund. The Board had discussed previously encumbering money for the Withdrawal Study attorney, special education costs, and the Title I position. Further discussion/action will be taken following discussion in non-public session relative to the attorney.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**A. Principal's Report/ Enrollment**

Ms. Bartlett reported that one new kindergarten student enrolled this week, bringing the total enrollment to 151.

Ms. Bartlett reviewed the calendar of events for the remainder of the year, and highlighted the following:

- The middle school Project Week presentation was held last night. The students did an amazing job.
- The primary level travelled to Storyland.
- Moving up day will be held on Thursday.
- The eighth grade leaves for its class trip to Lake George on June 9th.
- A final all-school meeting will be held June 13th at 8:00. Board members were invited to attend.
- Eighth grade graduation will be held June 14th.
- Two Ashland students won NH Public Television Writer's Contest and will receive a ribbon and certificate. Their stories will also be posted on NHPTV.org.
- Newspaper articles about the school were circulated by Ms. Bartlett.
- Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dads was another tremendous success, with more moms and dads in attendance than last year.
- The spring concert was another incredible night.
- The librarian from Plymouth High School came and gave 8th graders their summer reading assignments. The high school also sent a video tour of the school, and noted the dress code. It was a good orientation for the incoming freshmen.
- Summer B.L.A.S.T. has 9 students currently enrolled. It will be held for four weeks starting the end of July.

B. Special Education Report

Mr. DiCecca referred to his report included in the agenda packet, and spoke to it. He noted that Ashland Elementary School performed quite well, and he thanked the school's special education staff for all their hard work.

POLICIES – First Reading

A. Policy #3546, Business Record Retention

Mr. Lyford moved, Ms. Liebert seconded, to approve a first reading of policy #3546, Business Record Retention. The vote was unanimously in favor.

POLICIES – First Reading

B. Policy #3675, Student Activities Fund

Dr. Davis moved, Ms. Liebert seconded, to approve a first reading of policy #3675, Student Activities Fund Management.

Dr. Davis questioned the last paragraph of the policy. It was clarified that the money raised stays with the class when the students move on to Plymouth Regional High school.

The vote on the motion was unanimously in favor.

C. Policy #3680, Cash in School Buildings

Mr. Lyford moved, Dr. Davis seconded, to approve a first reading of policy #3680, Cash in School Buildings. The vote was unanimously in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #1

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Superintendent of Schools

None.

B. Board Secretary

None.

C. Board Members

1. Appointment of Budget Committee Representative to Withdrawal Study Committee

It was noted that Mardean Badger has been appointed by the Budget Committee to serve as its representative on the Withdrawal Study Committee. The Budget Committee minutes were included with the agenda.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Dion reported that he had spoken to Pemi Broadcasting Company regarding upcoming meetings. Mrs. Moriarty, incoming Superintendent, was recognized for attending the meeting tonight.

Mr. Dion noted that the July Board meeting will be mainly a meet and greet with light refreshments, to meet the new Superintendent and conduct some Board business. Community members will be invited.

B. Donation of 10 Large Pizzas for Teacher Appreciation Week

Mr. Lyford moved, Ms. Coleman seconded, to accept the following donations: ten large pizzas for Teacher Appreciation Week in the amount of \$119.99; lunch from the Common Man for Teacher Appreciation Week in the amount of \$696.21; and refreshments from Dunkin Donuts for Teacher Appreciation Week in the amount of \$27.97. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Donation of Lunch from the Common Man for Teacher Appreciation Week

Donation from Dunkin Donuts for Teacher Appreciation Week

C. Ashland Employee Safety Program

Ms. Temperino asked Board members to review the information included with the agenda packet for action at the next meeting of the Board.

D. Withdrawal Study Committee

- 1. Make-Up of Committee** Ms. Temperino distributed copies of a proposed advertisement to solicit community members for the Withdrawal Study Committee.
- 2. How will it be Advertised** The consensus of the Board was in favor of the ad. It was noted that the composition of the committee will include two school board members, one member of the Budget Committee, and four members of the public appointed by the School District Moderator. The superintendent of schools will also serve as a non-voter on the committee.

Ms. Temperino suggested that the Board wait until after members of the public are appointed before the Board appoints its members. Ms. Liebert questioned the cost of this process. Ms. Temperino noted that it is not known at this time. Some discussion ensued regarding where the advertisement will appear: newspapers and websites (school and town).

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #2 Ms. Young asked if the Board had received a written thank you from the staff to the Board for its contributions to Teacher Appreciation Week. Board members indicated that they had not.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Ashland School Board Special Meeting
Thursday, July 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
No Policy Review Committee Meeting
Heffernan Media Center, Ashland Elementary School

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:13 p.m., Ms. Liebert moved, Ms. Coleman seconded, to move into non-public session under R.S.A. 91-A:3(c) for the purpose of discussing staff personnel. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

At 7:57p.m., the Board returned to public session upon a motion made by Mr. Lyford, seconded by Ms. Coleman, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:59 p.m., Ms. Liebert moved, Ms. Coleman seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimously in favor.

NEGOTIATIONS

Following the meeting, the Board discussed the status of negotiations between the Ashland School Board and the Ashland Teachers Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Lamoureux
Recording Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION I

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Coleman, Dr. Davis, Mr. Dion, Ms. Liebert, Mr. Lyford

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Ms. Temperino, Mr. DiCecca, Ms. Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Ms. Ormond, with notice

At 7:17 p.m., Upon a motion by Dr. Davis, supported by Mr. Lyford the Board approved the nomination of Elisabeth Coleman to the position of Special Education Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II

MEMBERS PRESENT

Glenn Dion, Jamie Lyford, Sandra Coleman, Dr. Lynn Davis, Renee Leibert

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Trish Temperino, Chuck DiCecca, Shannon Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Mary Ellen Ormond, w/notice

At 7:19 p.m. It was moved by Ms. Liebert and seconded by Dr. Davis to retain Attorney Dean Eggert as legal counsel for the Withdrawal Committee and to encumber \$15,000 for estimated legal fees associated with the Withdrawal Committee. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION III

MEMBERS PRESENT

Glenn Dion, Jamie Lyford, Sandra Coleman, Dr. Lynn Davis, Renee Liebert

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Trish Temperino, Chuck DiCecca, Shannon Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Mary Ellen Ormond, w/notice

At 7:30p.m. The board discussed encumbering \$30,000 to fully fund the Title I position for the 2016-2017 school year. It was moved by Ms. Liebert and seconded by Ms. Coleman to encumber the \$30,000. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV

MEMBERS PRESENT

Glenn Dion, Jamie Lyford, Sandra Coleman, Dr. Lynn Davis, Renee Leibert

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Trish Temperino, Chuck DiCecca, Shannon Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Mary Ellen Ormond, w/notice

At 7:45p.m. The board discussed encumbering money for Special Education. It was moved by Ms. Liebert and seconded by Dr. Davis to encumber \$15,000 for unanticipated tuition for the 2016-2017 school year.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION V

MEMBERS PRESENT

Glenn Dion, Jamie Lyford, Sandra Coleman, Dr. Lynn Davis, Renee Leibert

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Trish Temperino, Chuck DiCecca, Shannon Bartlett

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Mary Ellen Ormond, w/notice

At 7:51 p.m. The board discussed an issue with a contracted service at the school.

At 7:57 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Lyford and seconded by Ms. Coleman to return to public session. The vote was unanimous.