

**Ashland School Board Regular Meeting
Heffernan Media Center, Ashland Elementary School
October 3, 2017
6:30 PM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Glenn Dion, Chair; Ms. Renee Liebert; Ms. Deborah Boyer

Members Absent: Ms. Sandra Coleman; Mr. Stephen Heath (with notice)

Administrators Present: Mrs. Mary Moriarty; Dr. Shannon Bartlett

Others Present: Staff, Guest, Press and Public

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members and guest participated in the pledge of allegiance

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting, September 5, 2017

Ms. Liebert moved, second by Ms. Boyer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2017; correcting Mr. Dion's name in Members Present. The motion carried unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #1 None

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Budget Development Timeline

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the 2018-2019 Budget Development Timeline as provided to the Board last month for review and consideration (attached); the Timeline was approved by consensus of the Board with the following updates (noted in ***bold***):

- November 7, 2017 ***5:30 p.m.*** School Board Budget Presentation (Policy cancelled)
- February 6, 2017 6:30 p.m. First Session – Deliberative (***AES Cafeteria***)
- ***February 7, 2017 6:30 p.m. Snow Date***, First Session – Deliberative (AES Cafeteria)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principals Report Enrollment

Principal Bartlett, reported that one student has been added to the 3rd grade since the last report; and two more students are potentially registering soon. Total Enrollment to date is 159.

Dr. Bartlett recognized Teresa Merrifield for her part in getting the playground project off the ground; she provokes student's creativity through art and is an amazing teacher and leader. Jenn Lyford was also recognized for her support designing and coordinating the bus routes and riding the bus; she is the first person to volunteer if help is ever needed without hesitation.

The calendar of events and activities at Ashland Elementary was reviewed; there are many opportunities for learning and fun throughout the month.

Work has been done to modify the bus routes to get students to school in time for breakfast and reduce the hour long bus ride in the afternoon. It has been a challenging start of the year with transportation, requiring the cancellation of travel to sports activities and games.

Ms. Panagoulis got students excited for a Mathalon Team, there is a minimal fee one time each year to participate; provides a great opportunity for students. Mrs. Moriarty will bring a formal proposal for a Mathalon Team Advisor stipend to the next Board meeting.

B. School Data Presentation

Dr. Bartlett provided an overview of standardized assessment data (see attached); this year 8th graders will test with SAU #48 and the PSAT will replace NWEA testing. NH Assessment is no longer Smarter Balanced Testing or NECAP Science. At this time we are not sure what the Assessment is going to be like, the release of information is expected in March.

The Ashland Grade 4 and 8 NECAP Science Test results were handed out; they provide a broad overview for three years of Smarter Balance Testing for a specific cohort of students (attached).

Dr. Bartlett feels that NWEA Data is almost obsolete for Ashland Elementary School; they are now working with programs that give results every day that helps target student needs. Stepping away from managed testing; the data we are getting is real time and actionable – it is what we need to enable better instruction practices for teachers to support students.

Math and ELA Committee action items were reviewed, highlighting what is being done to ensure better results across the board consistently.

Mrs. Moriarty indicated that in November we could go into more depth with data information; if there are specific questions please let her know.

C. Financial Report

Mrs. Moriarty reported that 93.3% of the budget has been spent or encumbered; 1% more than last year at this time. There will be savings in salaries, moving forward we will continue to refine encumbrances.

D. Facilities Committee Update

The Facilities Committee met on September 28th; the CIP Budget was reviewed and a priority list was discussed. An updated CIP plan with budget will be provided.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

A. Tri-County Community Action Property – Deed Request Staff

Mr. Robert Boschen, CEO of Tri-County Community Action Program addressed the Board in regards to entertaining the idea to change some of the deed restrictions changed for the "Old Ashland School House", that was purchased by Tri-County CAP several years ago. Mr. Boschen spoke about the benefits to the community if the property was available for light commercial use. Tri-County CAPs recent reorganization created an opportunity to look for areas to save on expenses and return funds to anti-poverty programs.

Mr. Dion and Board members stated that there was no interest in changing the Deed as currently written. It took a lot of work and time with the original sale of the building; the

voters made the decision to sell the property. Mr. Dion stated that any changes to the current deed would need to go back to the voters as a warrant article. Mr. Boschen was thanked for meeting with the Board. No action was taken by consensus of the Board.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. General Operating Expenses

Ms. Liebert moved, second by Ms. Boyer, that the Board approve the payment of bills, as presented in manifest #2006. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES – Third and Final Reading

Ms. Liebert moved, second by Ms. Boyer, that the Board approve third and final reading of the following policies:

- **Policy #1131**, Strong Family and Community Partnership
- **Policy #1314**, Public Gifts/Donations
- **Policy #5143**, Use of Restraint and Seclusion

The motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES – Second Reading

A. Policy #4114.1, Physical Examinations for School Employees

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #4114.1**, Physical Examinations for School Employees. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy #4144, Insurance

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #4144**, Insurance. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Policy #5149.1, Bullying and Cyberbullying, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #5149.1**, Bullying and Cyberbullying, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Policy #5123, Promotion (Non-Promotion)

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #5123**, Promotion (Non-Promotion). The motion carried unanimously.

E. Policy #6110, Curriculum Review

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #6110**, Curriculum Review. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Policy #6120, Instructional Time-Schedule

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #6120**, Instructional Time-Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Policy #6161, Service Animals

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #6161**, Service Animals. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Policy #6167, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Ms. Liebert moved, second by Ms. Boyer, to approve second reading of **Policy #6167**, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Policy #6170, Special Education

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #6170**, Special Education. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Policy #6171, Special Education – Independent Educational Evaluation

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #6171**, Special Education – Independent Educational Evaluation. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Policy #6172, Special Education Notice of Rights Pursuant to RSA 186-c:16-b

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading for rescinding **Policy #6172**, Special Education Notice of Rights Pursuant to RSA 186-c: 16-b. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Policy #6177, Meeting Instructional Needs of Students

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #6177**, Meeting Instructional Needs of Students. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Policy #6180, Copyright Compliance

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #6180**, Copyright Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Policy #6182, Character and Citizenship Education

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve second reading of **Policy #6182**, Character and Citizenship Education. The motion failed by a 0:3 vote; return to Policy.

POLICIES – First Reading

A. Policy #6166, School District Property

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve first reading of **Policy #6166**, School District Property as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy #6173, Instruction of Temporarily Home-Bound Students

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve first reading of **Policy #6173**, Instruction of Temporarily Home-Bound Students as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Policy #6181.1, Extended Learning Opportunities

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve first reading of **Policy #6181.1**, Extended Learning Opportunities as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy #8345, Board Member Conflict of Interest

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve first reading of **Policy #8345**, Board Member Conflict of Interest as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Policy #9367, Quorum

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to approve first reading of **Policy #9367**, Quorum as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #2 None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, October 17, 2017

- SAU #2 Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**
Humiston Building, Meredith NH

B. Tuesday, November 7, 2017

- Ashland School Board Regular Meeting / Budget Presentation – **5:30 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Boyer moved, second by Ms. Liebert, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary

Approved 11/7/2017