

ASHLAND SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Physical Location: Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center
Public Remote Access: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AshlandES/live>
August 4, 2021
MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Heath called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Trish Temperino, Assist. Superintendent
Mrs. Kelly Avery, Principal

Others Present:

Mr. David Ruell
Public (*remote access*)

Members Absent:

None

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of July 20, 2021

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 20, 2021. The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1 None

COMMUNICATIONS None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal's Report

Mrs. Avery reported that enrollment as of August 3 is at 171 students. The Summer Blast completed a successful program with an average daily attendance of 28 students. Nice job Brian Jones, Diana Paul, and Jenn Lyford. Currently there is one teacher opening and three paraprofessional positions that we are hoping to fill.

Kindergarten registration is in progress; it is an online registration process accessed through the AES website. Currently 18 students have signed up or are in the process of registering for Kindergarten. Returning students' registration process is up and running and can also be accessed through the AES website. The Title I Book Giveaway to all AES students happened in July; we will continue to get the books out to students who may not have received them yet.

Back to school Teacher Workshops days are in the planning stages. The maintenance crew continues to work diligently on preparing the building and grounds for the 21-22 school year. Thank you to Tim, Heidi, Morgan, and Kiki.

B. Facilities Update

Mrs. Temperino reported that there are no updates at this time.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD None**BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT****A. General Operating Expenses**

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to approve the payment of bills, manifests #2019 and #2002 as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS**A. Opening Plan - 2021-2022 Ashland School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service**

Mrs. Moriarty reported that the COVID-19 Team will be reassembling August 13. Discussion ensued regarding the addition of reviewing local data versus only County level to make decisions. There is DHHS meeting scheduled for August 11; the team can look at options and guidance from that meeting. The plan may be refined after the team meeting on the 13th.

Next steps with the Opening Plan were discussed. Mrs. Moriarty noted that it is stated within the approved Opening Plan that it was flexible to change. Any adjustments to the plan would be shared with families as written. Students who have chosen to remain remote will have the option to do their work through VLACS.

NEW BUSINESS None**POLICY****A. July 20, 2021 Policy Review Committee Minutes** – No action required.**B. First Reading and Adoption**

Chair Health called for a consensus of the Board to have first reading and adoption of the following policies as recommended by the Policy Review Committee. By a show of hands the consensus to take action was unanimous.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading and adoption of Policy ADC, Use and Possession of Tobacco Products Banned in/on School Facilities and Grounds (also JICG), as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading and adoption of Policy JRA, Notification of Rights Under FERPA, as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

C. First Reading

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading of Policy DGA, Authorized Signatures, as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading of Policy DK, Payments, Checks and Manifests as written. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading of Policy EEAA, Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading of Policy EEAB, Video and Audio Recording in School and Classrooms. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading of Policy EHAC, Electronic/Digital Records and Signatures. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading of Policy EHB, Data/Records Retention (Schedule), as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve first reading of Policy GBEC, Drug-Free Workplace, as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

D. Rescind

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve rescinding Policy DA-1, Review of Manifest as recommended. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, the Board approve rescinding EHB-R, Business Record Retention as recommended. The motion carried 5-0.

E. Policies Reviewed July 20, 2021 – No action required

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

Mrs. McGettigan stated that is has been reported that 65% of Grafton County has been vaccinated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Policy Review Committee – **5:00 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Ashland School Board @ Ashland Elementary School – Heffernan Media Center

- Policy Review Committee – **5:00 p.m.**
- School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

NON-PUBLIC

Mr. Felton moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to enter Non-Public Session at 6:35 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) (d). The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Session

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Sharps, to enter Public Session at 7:09 p.m. The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Coleman raised a question regarding expenditures for psychological services for June and July. Mrs. Temperino responded that \$2,000 was budgeted; this amount is specifically for outside consultants and is paid through IDEA funding.

Ms. Sharps raised a question regarding the average monthly electric bill. Mrs. Temperino responded that the monthly report to the Board shows averages; a financial report is not generally given in August as the Finance Office works to close books for the previous school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

The motion to adjourn carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary