

**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Ashland Elementary School - Library**  
**January 18, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Heath called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**RECORD ROLL**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Stephen Heath, Chair  
Ms. Sandra Coleman, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Jesse Farris  
Mr. Stephen Felton  
Ms. Jennifer Foote

**Administrators Present:**

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent

**Others Present:**

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**Members Absent:**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Public Comment was open at 6:04 p.m. – no comments.*

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**A. Operating Budget (Action Item) Mrs. Moriarty**

Mrs. Moriarty shared that the Budget Committee added \$1 to the Homeless Transportation line.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to amend the 2023/2024 Operating Budget to include \$1 for Homeless Transportation. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the 2023/2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,296,866 for the Warrant Article. The motion carried 5-0.

Discussion ensued regarding fund balance and how unexpended fund balance impacts the tax rate. Mrs. Moriarty suggested that the Department of Revenue Administration may be willing to do a workshop. She will contact them to ask.

**B. Clarification on School Board recommendation of Warrant Article 4 (Information Item) Mrs. Moriarty.**

Mrs. Moriarty recommended adjusting Article 4 to read Ashland Budget Committee RECOMMENDS a NO Vote and Ashland School Board RECOMMENDS a NO Vote. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the language as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

**C. Draft Explanation for Warrant Article 4 for Annual Brochure (Action Item) Mrs. Moriarty**

Mrs. Moriarty shared a draft explanation for Warrant Article 4 for the School Board to consider including in the annual brochure regarding the School District Warrant Articles sent to the Ashland Residents. Discussion ensued with some adjustments to the language (see attached).

Ms. Foote moved, seconded by Mr. Felton, to approve the written explanation for Warrant Article 4. The motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Public Comment was closed at 6:40 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Foote, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullimore  
Recording Secretary