

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MAY 3, 2018 AT 4:30 P.M.  
AUBURN VILLAGE MEDIA CENTER**

**These minutes were approved.**

Janice Baker, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Samantha Belcourt, Jason Tyburski, Barbara Carpenter, and Alan Villeneuve (4:40pm); Superintendent Dr. Charles P. (Phil) Littlefield; and Business Administrator, Karen Lessard. Also in attendance were Selectmen Rick Eaton, Jim Headd, and Keith Leclair; and Town Administrator, Bill Herman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Janice Baker led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Dr. Littlefield provided proof of posting.

**BOND DISCUSSION**

Janice Baker explained that this was not a typical meeting, and that the board would be discussing two items relating to the bond; the amount and how to pay for it.

Because the district was recently awarded a Security Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$100,000, the board discussed whether or not to reduce the bond by that amount. Considerable discussion ensued, and the board, selectmen, and town administrator all agreed that the board should leave the bond amount at \$14,300,000.

Karen Lessard explained the difference between Level Debt and Level Principal. Level Debt is when the payment is equalized, allowing the payment to remain the same for the length of the bond. Level Principal is when interest would be high at the beginning of the loan, and would decrease annually. Because of this, the initial tax impact would be higher than promised. Karen also said that TD Bank is a higher interest rate (3.15% with pre-payment penalty/3.5% with no pre-payment penalty), and that rate is locked in. The Bond Bank interest rate is currently 2.88% but may rise. The board felt it would not rise more than a quarter percent. No pre-payments are allowed. Alan Villeneuve stated that even if the Bond Bank goes up by a quarter, it would still be less than TD. Considering Level Principal, when the interest rate would decrease over time, Alan asked the Selectmen if they knew of any upcoming bondable items the town may be requesting in the next eight or so years. They said there is no expectation. The three selectmen and the town administrator preferred using Level Debt. Bill Herman said the first tax impact would be in December 2018 for interest only. The biggest impact would be in December 2019.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

There was no participation.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to move forward with the Level Debt payment option through the Bond Bank for a bond in the amount of \$14,300,000, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to authorize the Auburn School District to enter into a loan agreement with, and to sell its bond to, the Bond Bank, and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Auburn School Board Meeting is Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy  
Recording Secretary