

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes are unapproved.

Alan Villeneuve, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Janice Baker, Samantha Belcourt, Barbara Carpenter, and Jason Tyburski; Principal, Lori Collins; Assistant Principal, Lindsay Murray; Director of Student Services, Deena Jensen; Curriculum Coordinator, Cheryl Violette; Maintenance Director, Scott Dube; Superintendent, Charles P. (Phil) Littlefield; Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak; and Business Administrator, Karen Lessard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8th graders Allison Bridges and Anna John McDevitt led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Dr. Littlefield provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON

Lauren Sylvain addressed the board with the following events at Pinkerton:

- Ongoing search for a new Headmaster; Hundreds of applicants; Interim Headmaster, Tim Powers, is also being considered
- Fall Athletics are now in full swing
- Previously cancelled pep rally may take place in the spring

Janice Baker requested that Lauren ask what plan is in place to include students in the choice for Headmaster search

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 board meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident Jennifer Anderson asked the board to consider adding a teacher for next year's first grade due to the high number in kindergarten. She said that because of the large numbers in a few grades, moving current teachers around wouldn't help and suggested hiring an additional teacher.

FINANCIAL

Manifest Review

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the manifest for October 9, 2018 in the amount of \$2,818,800.69, and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget Adjustments

The budget adjustments were reviewed. Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the budget adjustments as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Reports of Administrators were reviewed. Dr. Littlefield summarized his report saying it included the fact that Assistant Principal, Lindsay Murray is now on board, that 1st grade might need another teacher, how HB1612 is being addressed and the review of budget items. He said he is working with the three Technology Directors to develop a plan. He said the process is extremely comprehensive. Referring to the Dyslexia Law in Marge Polak's report, Samantha Belcourt asked how students with dyslexia are identified. Marge stated that if a child doesn't meet certain benchmarks, the team creates a plan and the child is monitored from that point on. With regard to Crisis Prevention Preparedness (CPI), Cheryl Violette stated that both guidance and health teachers are implementing it their lessons. Janice Baker asked Marge Polak about the Kidder Law Conference. Marge said it was well-attended and HB 1612 and privacy laws were discussed. The principal's report stated that the Monster Mash will be held on a Saturday this year. Lori Collins stated that was done to help with set up and clean up. Lori will look into having AVS student's

artwork entered into the Deerfield Fair in the future. Alan Villeneuve stated that there has been some concern with access to the building during elections. Lori and Scott Dube are working on a plan and Lori will have that plan submitted to the Town Crier to notify residents. One plan is for teachers and election workers to park at the Safety Complex, and have parents and teacher's park in the front for the parent/teacher conferences. Lori explained the Veteran's Day breakfast, saying it is a grade 6 service project that serves breakfast for veterans who have a relative attending AVS. Janice Baker asked Cheryl Violette, with regard to her report, if she noted any early indicators or patterns after reviewing the NWEA data results. Cheryl said that keeping middle school kids engaged and reading for content is a challenge. They are considering centers in language arts for differentiation.

Standing Committees

Budget-Alan Villeneuve stated they are meeting this month. This year they are going to try presenting the full school budget in one night. The board will each take a section of the budget book. Karen Lessard will provide the board with a 5-year per-pupil expenses from the DOE. Alan asked for the actual expenditures, the calculation by the state, and the state average. Karen will provide that information as well.

NHSBA-Samantha Belcourt said there are many workshops being offered, and that the Delegate Assembly is in January.

Technology-Nothing to report.

PTA-Jason Tyburski reported that the recent meeting went well. There is a shift in leadership: Sandy Leclair, President; Ami D'Amelio, Vice-President; and Mindy Bedard, Treasurer. A \$2,900 donation was made to the PTA from a Go-Fund-Me account, originally started for the renovation project.

School Improvement-Jason Tyburski reported that the committee met and toured the school. There will be another meeting on October 17.

Superintendent Search-Barbara Carpenter reported that the committee interviewed eight candidates, of which three are moving up to be interviewed by the full board. They have one more interview to go, and that candidate is expected to move up as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

Goals were reviewed.

Alan Villeneuve said it was strongly suggested at the Board of Trustee's meeting, to vet out the Auburn kids to see their numbers so that AVS can better prepare kids for Pinkerton. Janice Baker asked Marge Polak if there are targets for NWEA for next year. Marge said that for many years the target has been 85%, but that Dr. Littlefield wants it to be 100%. She said they started with 80% target with the expectation of achieving that 100%.

Discussion ensued relative to teacher-coaching when test scores aren't up to expectations.

Renovation Updates

Janice Baker stated that paperwork prep work has begun for multiple inspections and permissions necessary to start digging. They are trying to maximize the good weather. She said the Fire and Building inspectors are actively participating in the renovation construction meetings. A new entrance/exit has been created in the back of the building. Janice Baker said that a grant request for funds for the access road were denied.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the building project invoices for October 9, 2018 in the amount of \$66,287.50, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Archeological Findings

Alan Villeneuve said that human remains were found in the area of the new baseball field. These will be re-interred at a cost of \$3,000. He said that it would cost \$37,000 for more studies, and the board may revisit that at another time. Until then, that part of the property will be left alone. Alan added that, in a separate area, and former site of a home, many other items are being found. Those items are the property of the Auburn School District.

PERSONNEL

Retirement

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to accept the resignations of Joan Marcotte, teacher, and Peter DiZoglio, guidance counselor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Co-Curricular Nominations

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to accept the co-curricular nomination as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Enrollment Reports

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II (a-h) (if necessary)

At 7:47 p.m., motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to enter into a non-public session RSA 91-A:3 c. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The board re-entered into a public session at 8:26 p.m.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Janice Baker, to seal the non-public minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Auburn School Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (Budget Workshop), in the Auburn Village School Media Center. The regular board meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m.

There will be an SAU Board Meeting on October 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at 6:30 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Recording Secretary