

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.  
AUBURN VILLAGE MEDIA CENTER**

**These minutes have been approved.**

Alan Villeneuve, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Janice Baker, Samantha Belcourt, and Barbara Carpenter; Principal, Lori Collins; Assistant Principal, Lindsay Murray; Director of Student Services, Deena Jensen; Technology Director, Bob Strobel; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick; Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak; and Business Administrator, Amy Ransom. Instructional Coach, Cheryl Violette joined at 7:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Principal Collins led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Superintendent Rearick provided proof of posting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2020, with the following amendments: Page 1 under Reports of Administrators, insert the word 'testing' to the second sentence describing the type of targets and Page 2 under Land Sale Proceeds, change 'Capital Reserve' Fund to 'Expendable Trust' Fund, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the (sealed) Non-Public Meeting minutes of January 14, 2020, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the Special Meeting minutes of January 22, 2020, and the motion carried unanimously.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Resident Allison Welch asked the board for a full-day kindergarten update, to which Alan Villeneuve stated that it will be discussed later in the meeting.

Alan Villeneuve introduced Amber Nicole Cannan, CEO and Instructor of Unchartered Tutoring who made a brief presentation of the service her company provides as an after-school science and art enrichment instruction program.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick summarized his report which was in the packet.

**REPORTS**

**Reports of Administrators**

Reports of Administrators were in the packet for review.

Alan Villeneuve stated that there will be a meeting of the sending schools board chairs with Pinkerton administrators in early March to review expectations.

Some discussion ensued relative to class size for kindergarten and grade 1.

Alan Villeneuve asked Deena Jensen for an update on Medicaid, to which Deena stated that nothing has been determined. Janice Baker asked if funding would be retroactive, to which Deena stated that it is uncertain as things keep changing.

Barbara Carpenter asked how the para situation was for special education, to which Deena said it was potentially worse with one para having recently given their notice. However, she stated that she is aware of a couple of interested applicants.

Janice Baker asked Bob Strobel for a target date for the whiteboards and projectors to be installed, to which Bob stated it will be done at the end of February.

**Standing Committees**

Sick Bank-Alan Villeneuve reported that a meeting was held and that four sick days were approved.

NHSBA-Samantha Belcourt reported that 55 of 160 delegates were present at the Delegate Assembly. She said that all but one resolution passed.

Technology-Bob Strobel stated that there is a meeting scheduled for February 17.

PTA-Alan Villeneuve reported that recent or upcoming events included:

- Square One Art
- Read Across America
- Cash Calendar
- Working on Summer Camp Schedule

Samantha Belcourt stated that there is a fundraiser at the Auburn Tavern on February 18 when part of the tab goes to the PTA.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Renovation Discussion**

Janice Baker stated that the renovation project is winding down and all administrators are in their respective areas. The budget is being assessed and fire and safety issues still have to be addressed. They plan on a conference call on Thursday, February 13 and will meet at AVS on Thursday, February 20. Alan Villeneuve stated that the architect is working on a design for a plaque and that the tour following the Deliberative Session went very well.

### **Goals**

Goals were reviewed. Marge Polak gave a summary of the Full-Day Kindergarten Committee's study. She said the study shows full-day kindergarten provides a stronger academic and social and emotional connections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Busing Kindergarten**

Considerable discussion regarding a new law, which goes into effect on July 1, 2020, which states that districts must provide transportation to kindergartners.

### **Draft 2020/2021 School Calendar**

Superintendent Rearick reviewed the revised draft calendar. Discussion ensued relative to the AEA suggestions, some of which were in the presented draft.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the 20/21 district calendar as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Substitute Rate of Pay**

Bill Rearick spoke to the sub rates for other districts in New Hampshire. He said that Candia recently increased theirs and have found an uptick of interest in subbing. Alan Villeneuve asked that the potential largest liability out be based on past patterns. The SAU staff will provide that information to the board after which time they can act on increasing the rate should they choose to do so.

## **FINANCIAL**

The Expenditure Report was reviewed.

### **Manifest Approvals**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the February 11, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$1,764,385.27 and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the February 11, 2020 construction manifest in the amount of \$16,396.06, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **POLICIES**

First Reading\*- ADC/GBED/JICG Use and Possession in and on School Facilities and Grounds, AC Non Discrimination, ACE-E Annual Notice of Contact, BEDG-R Access to Minutes and Public Records, EH Public Access to School District Records, EH-R Administrative Procedures for Public Access to District Records 'Right to Know Requests', EBCA Emergency Plans, and EBCB Evacuation Drills.

Discussion ensued. Some language changes were made and will be before the board at their next meeting as a second reading. Policies BEDG-R, EH, and EH-R will go back to the policy committee for further review.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the first reading of the remaining policies as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

First Reading\* (previously tabled) - EFAA Meal Charging, DAF Administration of Federal Grant Funds, JLCF Wellness.

Discussion ensued. Some language changes were made to EFAA. JLCF will go back to the policy committee for further review.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the first reading of policies EFAA and DAF as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATIONAL Items**

Enrollment Reports

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

At 8:35 p.m., motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to enter into non-public session RSA 91-A:3 Section II c. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The board returned into a public session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to seal the minutes in perpetuity because the divulgence of the information would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person/people other than a member of the board itself, and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Barbara Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Auburn School Board will be **Monday, March 9, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy,  
Recording Secretary