

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Janice Baker, Board Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were members Jason Tyburski, Barbara Carpenter and Derek Berger. Board Chair Alan Villeneuve joined via Zoom, stating that he was alone in the room. Also in attendance were Principal, Lori Collins; Assistant Principal, Lindsay Murray; Director of Student Services, Deena Jensen; Curriculum Instructor, Cheryl Violette; Technology Director, Bob Strobel; Maintenance Director, Scott Dube; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick; and Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lori 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 Jason Tyburski, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the sealed, non-public minutes of December 8, 2020. With Alan Villeneuve abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Moderator Tom LaCroix was unavailable but will meet with Town officials to work to coordinate efforts for the Deliberative Session.

Alan Villeneuve stated that they will need a room for mask-less attendees.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident Shannon Olivera requested specifics as to how the Superintendent came to his decision to shift AVS to remote learning for two weeks. Ms. Olivera said that she felt the three letters leading up to this decision didn't seem to warrant the shift. Mr. Rearick stated that many factors were considered and that his decision was not made lightly. He said the state does not provide a metric pertaining to positivity rates, but gives guidelines. He referenced the positivity rates in Rockingham County and surrounding counties as one factor. That data, along with the increase in positive cases at AVS, lead to his decision to shift to remote learning.

Janice Baker stated that lack of staffing in teachers, administrators, and in custodial, food service, and nursing staff, could cause the need to shift to remote learning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick summarized his report which was in the packet for review.

Bill stated that teachers continue to teach from AVS, which allows them to communicate with colleagues, technology and maintenance staff, as well as alleviates previous issues which arose from teaching from home.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Deena Jensen reported that a target group of special education students will continue with in-person learning. She said that because the staff is working from the building, they are able to resume preschool services. Janice Baker asked Scott Dube if the issues with the mechanical system have been rectified. Scott replied that things are improving.

Reports of Standing Committees

The Board reviewed the upcoming NHSBA Resolutions and gave Derek Berger input with their stance on the resolutions.

Eileen McDonald thanked the PTA for their donation of staff tee shirts.

Janice Baker reported that there was a budget meeting last week and there will be another next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

The goals were reviewed. Marge Polak stated that there will be a Parent Informational Night (via Zoom) with Lynn Lyon related to social and emotional well-being on February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Strategic Planning

Discussion regarding the need for a strategic plan ensued. Janice Baker stated the need for an RFQ/RFP for a facilitator for both guidance and feedback. Bill Rearick suggested that when looking for a facilitator, they should find one familiar with public schools. Bill added that now may not be the most effective time to focus on strategic planning, and suggested they push it to summer when administration, staff, and parents have had a break. Derek Berger stated that community input is an important component and agreed that the current environment could pose a challenge. Janice asked the Board if they wanted to move forward with strategic planning. The consensus was that they do, but to hold off until summer. Alan Villeneuve stated that he is intrigued about gaps in learning and would like to explore best ways to prepare kids for high school.

Superintendent's Evaluation

This will be done in a non-public session.

NEW BUSINESS

MOU with AEA

Bill Rearick stated that the MOU in the packet was primarily regarding teacher evaluations, expectations for remote learning and student data. He said the team and Peter Phillips attended the meetings. Alan Villeneuve stated that he has a few concerns with the contract and would like to put off approving it until speaking with Attorney Phillips. No other action was taken.

Manifest Protocols

Bill Rearick spoke to current manifest protocols. He said the procedure allows for checks to be distributed after a Board member and the School District Treasurer have approved it. Though the Board wasn't aware of the process, they agreed that it could continue as long as the manifest goes before the Board for approval at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

FINANCIAL

12/8/20 Construction Manifest Approval

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the December 8, 2020 construction manifest in the amount of \$84,596.56. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Manifest Approvals

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the January 12, 2021 construction manifest in the amount of \$10,000. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the January 12, 2021 manifest in the amount of \$1,124,246.23. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

POLICIES

Second Reading

Policies KF-School Use of Facilities, KF-A-Extended Use of School Facilities, KF-P-Application Form, JLCJ-Concussions and Head Injuries, and JLDBB-Suicide Prevention were reviewed as a second reading.

Motion by Alan Villeneuve, seconded by Barbara Carpenter to approve the policies as presented with one amendment: Policy KF, Page 2, #5, first sentence should read 'The premises are to be cleaned **at the end of the event**'. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

First Reading

EFDA Charging of School Lunch/Meal Charging, EBCA Emergency Plans/Crisis Preventions and Emergency Response Plans, and JLCF Wellness policies were reviewed as a first reading.

Motion by Alan Villeneuve, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the first reading of the policies as presented. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL Items

Enrollment Reports

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II c

At 8:00 p.m., motion by Alan Villeneuve, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to enter into a non-public session RSA 91-A:3 Section II c. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Derek Berger to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alan Villeneuve, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Deliberative Session #1 will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Auburn Village School, with a snow date of Saturday, February 6, 2021.

The next meeting of the Auburn School Board will be February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy,
Recording Secretary