

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.  
AUBURN VILLAGE MEDIA CENTER**

**These minutes have been approved.**

Alan Villeneuve, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Jason Tyburski and Janice Baker. Board member Barbara Carpenter was available via telephone. Also in attendance were Principal, Lori Collins; Director of Student Services, Deena Jensen; Curriculum Instructor, Cheryl Violette; Technology Director, Bob Strobel, Maintenance Director, Scott Dube; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick; Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak; and Business Administrator, Amy Ransom.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alan Villeneuve led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Superintendent Rearick provided proof of posting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020, with the following amendment: Under Reports, change 'queues' to 'cues'. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

There was no participation.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick reviewed his report. He said after handling a few positive COVID-19 cases within SAU #15 schools, he felt that some portions of the approved Re-Entry to School Plan could be relaxed in certain circumstances, and requested leeway from the Board to be able to modify it when appropriate. After some discussion, motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to amend the School Re-Entry Plan to allow administration to determine the appropriate response to a positive COVID-19 case, as long as the response is in line with applicable state and federal health guidelines. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Reports of Administrators**

Reports of Administrators were in the packet for review.

Janice Baker asked Marge Polak to explain how testing works and asked how administration was measuring the engagement of those learning remotely. Marge Polak stated that students are much more engaged than they were in the spring, and Lori Collins stated that the feedback she has gotten is that the students are treating this much more seriously now. Deena Jensen said it's challenging. Janice requested that test results be presented to the Board when they come in.

Lori Collins stated, with regard to remote learning, that there have been some sound issues both coming into and going out of the building, and that they are being addressed.

When asked about the condition of technology being used outside the classroom, Bob said there have been a few cases of possible intentional damage.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the request to dispose of technology property as presented. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Alan Villeneuve reported on the following PTA events:

- Spooky Walk (10/17)
- A lot of new people
- Postponing Theater Residency
- Hoping for 100% membership from teachers
- Next meeting 10/20/20

Janice Baker stated there is a Budget Committee meeting on November 5. She will ask if they will be available on November 24 to review the school district's budget.

Janice Baker stated that the Construction Committee continues to meet via telephone. The gym floor, walls and Plexiglas installation are finished. UV lights in the ventilation system will be installed in the front office, and some outside work is still to be done. Landscaping will be completed tomorrow as will new signage. The fire alarm and cistern are done. A quote to replace the ceiling tiles in the grade 4 wing is pending.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **School Board Vacancy**

Alan Villeneuve stated he would like to schedule a meeting with the Board, Bill Rearick, and the Board Recorder to meet with, and to interview, the six individuals interested in filling the vacant position on the Board. They decided to meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00pm. Questions may include:

- Why they are interested in joining the Board
- What they feel the role of the Board is
- What their goals for the district are
- To describe a situation when they advocated for something they strongly believed in, but it didn't turn out the way they wanted
- What is their commitment level and availability for Auburn Board, SAU Board, Board Committees, and Sending Towns meetings

### **Goals/Dashboard**

Marge Polak reviewed the draft goals for priorities for the school year.

Janice Baker asked if there was a way to have a 'state of the state of AVS or a way to evaluate what needs to be done when we get out of 'this new normal' so as not to lower any expectations. Bill Rearick stated that the Board could consider a 3-5 year strategic plan, with broad topics, after which time a consultant could be sought.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Winter Sports**

Lori Collins stated that the Board needed to vote on whether or not to allow for winter sports. Some discussion ensued.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to allow administration to assess and determine the feasibility of providing winter sports. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **Manifest Approvals**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the September 18, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$287,693.23. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski to approve the September 25, 2020 construction manifest in the amount of \$115,161.72. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the September 25, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$2,701,554.87. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The expenditure and revenue reports were reviewed.

## **POLICIES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-Policy KF Community Use of Facility, and Policy III Methods of Learning were reviewed as a second reading.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski to approve Policy KF as presented. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski to table Policy III, Methods of Learning. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Resignation**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the resignation of Sarah Gott 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 (a-k)** (if necessary)

Not necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The next meeting of the Auburn School Board will be November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

The SAU Board will have a remote Board meeting on October 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy,  
Recording Secretary