

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have not been approved.

Alan Villeneuve, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance were members Janice Baker, Jason Tyburski, Derek Berger, and Barbara Carpenter (6:40 p.m.). Also in attendance were Principal, Lori Collins; Assistant Principal, Lindsay Murray; Director of Student Services, Deena Jensen; Technology Director, Bob Strobel; Maintenance Director, Scott Dube; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick; Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak; and Business Administrator, Amy Ransom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eileen MacDonald 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 Derek Berger, to approve the February 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident and School Board candidate Adrian Newton introduced herself to the Board and attendees, and all attendees introduced themselves to her.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick summarized his report which was in the packet for review. He added that SAU 15 received confirmation from the Manchester Health Department that they will be running a closed Point of Dispensing for COVID-19 vaccines for all SAU #15 employees.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Marge Polak explained that because full-time enrollment topped 600 students, AVS will lose REAP funding. Marge also stated that Pinkerton spent \$273 per student for expenses associated with COVID-19, and has asked for a reimbursement of \$200 for each Auburn student for a total of \$57,000. Some discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Board to request more specific detail of what was purchased before sending any reimbursement.

Janice Baker asked Marge Polak to provide test scores at the next meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

Jason Tyburski reported that the Technology Committee met and discussed student monitoring and increasing bandwidth. Bob Strobel said there would be a \$300 a month savings if they added bandwidth.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

The goals were reviewed.

Janice Baker gave a brief background of Board Retreat agendas in the past and how the focus has generally been setting short-term goals. She said the Board would like to shift that focus on recovery, effects of COVID, re-planning, and renewing education at AVS. She said hiring a facilitator would assist in creating a solid long-term strategic plan as it would offer knowledge of model schools, best practices, and knowledge of what is going on in other schools. It would also assist in allowing administration to be part of the process and not having to do the legwork. Janice would like

to hire the facilitator by June. She suggested that the Board start thinking creatively and to stretch conventional thinking.

Kalwall Quote

Scott Dube reviewed the Kalwall quote. No action was taken.

Scott requested a Construction Meeting to tie up any loose ends related to the addition/renovation project.

Purchase and Sales Agreement Extension Request

Some discussion ensued relative to Mr. Falzone's request for an additional extension on purchasing the Hooksett Road property.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to extend the closing date for the land purchase as requested, but it will be the final extension granted, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Calendar

Bill Rearick explained that the draft calendar in the packet was prepared before Pinkerton Academy revised their 2021-2022 calendar. Pinkerton moved the February vacation one week later than usual. Bill suggested aligning the AVS February vacation with Pinkerton's. It was the Board's consensus to move the February vacation to align with Pinkerton's. Considerable discussion ensued after the Board reviewed a letter sent to them by the Auburn Educational Association just prior to this meeting. Janice Baker stated she felt the letter was reckless and irresponsible. Eileen McDonald stated that in the current environment they should be paying tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., and not Christopher Columbus. Alan Villeneuve stated that a former teacher was instrumental in having Civil Rights Day an in-school day, as she felt it was a valuable teaching day. Alan added that AVS currently is very dedicated to Civil Rights Day, with students having multiple projects and assignments devoted to Martin Luther King Jr's legacy.

Janice Baker suggested forming a committee to review the calendar. The committee will include Board members Janice Baker and Derek Berger, as well as two teachers, building administrators, and parents.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Janice Baker, to table discussion on the calendar, and the motion carried unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Alan Villeneuve presented outgoing Board member Barbara Carpenter with a gift and thanked her for her service to the Auburn School Board.

FINANCIAL

Manifest Approvals

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the February 19, 2021 manifest in the amount of \$1,450,000, and the motion carried unanimously. Barbara explained that this was for a transfer of funds from Citizens Bank to TD Bank.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the February 19, 2021 construction manifest in the amount of \$2,700, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the manifest dated February 19, 2021 in the amount of \$1,375,594.84, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Janice Baker to approve the March 5, 2021 construction manifest in the amount of \$1,260, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Jason Tyburski to approve the March 5, 2021 manifest in the amount of \$361,560.16, and the motion carried unanimously.

Derek Berger stated that he was not comfortable with single board member approval of the manifest.

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was reviewed.

Construction Fund Balance

The construction fund balance was reviewed.

2020/2021 and 2021/2022 Adequacy Funds

The Adequacy Funds for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 were reviewed.

INFORMATIONAL Items

Enrollment Reports

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

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to enter into a non-public meeting under RSA 91-A:3 Section II a at 7:50 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board reconvened into a public session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Derek Berger, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity because the divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to authorized the Superintendent a sum of up to \$42,500, to grant bonus payments for administration and staff at Auburn Village School to be paid out on a schedule at the discretion of the Superintendent, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting of the Auburn School Board will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy,
Recording Secretary