

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

These minutes have been approved.

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

Janice Baker led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

PROOF OF POSTING

Superintendent Rearick provided proof of posting.

All votes taken were poll votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the sealed Board meeting minutes of March 9, 2020. A poll vote was taken. With Samantha Belcourt abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the sealed Board meeting minutes of July 28, 2020. A poll vote was taken. With two abstentions, there was no majority vote. The minutes will be before the Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the Board meeting minutes of July 28, 2020 with the following amendment:

Under Old Business, Paragraph 1 should read- When asked by Samantha Belcourt what criteria would be used to switch plans, Mr. Rearick stated that they would look at the number of local ~~cases and the percentage of those cases which are positive.~~ **positive cases and if the percentage exceeds 5%, they would switch.**

A poll vote was taken. With Barbara Carpenter abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Re-Entry Update

Bill Rearick reviewed the draft protocols which included health and safety, cleaning and sanitizing, arrivals and dismissals, playground, recess and food service procedures. He said the committee used information from various sources, such as the Center of Disease Control, the NH Department of Health, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He stressed that all protocols are fluid and will change when/if necessary. Lori Collins stated that face coverings will be encouraged in K-1 and required in grades 2-8, on the bus, and during any type of transition. She said parents are being encouraged to drive their children to school, so buses shouldn't be as full as in the past. There will be mask breaks and children will stay with their cohorts when possible. Lori said the custodial staff is on Board on how to 'COVID clean'. K-1 will be 6' apart and 2-8 will be 3'. The 3' distance is the recommendation by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Students will face forward at desks appropriately spaced. Recess and arrival and dismissal times will be staggered, and hand sanitizing will be routine. Lunches will be prepackaged and eaten in the classroom. Both hot and cold lunches will be offered. Lori explained that the remote learning plan is still a work in process as they do not have solid numbers of parents' plans. She said there is a chance there may be multi-age remote learning. Barbara Carpenter asked if they would be able to start remote learning immediately if it were necessary to close. Bill Rearick stated that is the goal. Parents would be notified via email and BrightArrow. Jason Tyburski asked if the school would be shut down upon a positive COVID test, to which Mr. Rearick stated it would. Citing reports that suggest young children need not wear masks, Jason asked why K-1 is encouraged to wear them. Bill stated they are trying to mitigate the spread, but would strike that verbiage if that was the will of the Board. Samantha Belcourt asked if air quality and air vents have been tested. Bill Rearick stated that the maintenance team will bring in air quality people. Scott Dube stated that there are annual preventive

maintenance checks on air quality. Samantha asked if there was enough staff to cover those who opt out or need to quarantine. Bill said subs are always an issue; the Board could consider raising the sub rate. He said if too many teachers are out they may have to shift to remote learning. He said flexibility is key. Samantha asked how fire drills and lockdown procedures would work, to which Lori Collins stated that because there is more area outside now, she felt each student could maintain 6' distancing. Samantha asked about bus guidelines, to which Bill stated they will be disinfecting after every run. Referring to State of NH Emergency Order #48, Samantha asked Deena Jensen if the Special Education department will be reaching out to families regarding compensatory services. Deena said they need to meet with families within the first 30 days of school. All students will receive services in person or by remote instruction. Janice Baker asked what rest room procedures would be. Lori Collins said that most classrooms have restrooms. Grades 4, 7, and 8 will have to use community bathrooms, but only two people may enter at a time. Lori added that lockers will not be used. Food Service Director Sarah Belanger encouraged parents to use 'MySchoolBucks' to prepay their child's lunches to eliminate the exchange of money. Janice Baker asked if administration was comfortable with the number of staff to manage the building, to which Bill Rearick stated that there is a need for additional custodial staff and that he would like to look into hiring an LNA to assist in nursing needs. Janice asked Lori Collins to explain how remote learning would look. Lori said she really needs to see how many students will be using that instruction, but that See Saw offers a great deal of interactive lessons for students. She would like a teacher at each grade level. If so, there would be no prerecorded lessons. Jason Tyburski asked if a student starts remote instruction, must they stay remote. Bill Rearick stated that there needs to be a policy drafted regarding remote learning as they don't have the capacity to allow for random shifting. Jason asked if siblings of a student suspected of being positive would be sent home as well. Bill said that is no longer a requirement, so unless they have symptoms, they would be allowed to stay.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident Heather Lockwood asked if her child stayed home with a headache, would they be allowed to go to remote learning, Bill said no, they would be absent. She asked if parents would be told if there was a positive COVID test in the school. Bill Rearick stated that parents would be notified if there was a confirmed case, but the only information given would be if it were a student or staff member.

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the Re-Opening Protocols as presented with the following amendment: add a notation that the 3' distance is not following CDC guidelines. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Bill Rearick stated that the 3' distance follows the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. Bill requested latitude for purchasing items and/or services prior to the next Board meeting.

2020-2021 School Calendar

Discussion ensued relative to which day to add for professional development.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar, adding June 14, 2021 as a professional development day. A poll vote was taken. Janice Baker and Jason Tyburski voted no. Samantha Belcourt and Barbara Carpenter voted yes. The motion did not carry.

Motion by Jason Tyburski, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar, adding September 8, 2020 as a professional development day. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Construction Update

Janice Baker stated that the work being done by BPS is nearly complete. Field work will continue as will other projects such as doors, fire alarms, kitchen work, striping, paving, gym floor installation and lighting.

Samantha Belcourt expressed her frustration at the lack of subcommittee minutes online.

Janice Baker thanked the Auburn Recreational League for their donation of new scoreboards.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Michaila Sheehan as presented. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Instructional Time Schedule

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the Instructional Minutes as presented. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Participation in Sports

The Board reviewed a letter from the Tri-County Athletics President. No action was taken, however Bill Rearick stated that all students enrolled in-person or remotely may participate in sports.

FINANCE

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the July 24, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$141,942.25. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the August 7, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$188,003.14. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Samantha Belcourt,, to approve the August 7, 2020 construction manifest in the amount of \$151,359.51. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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

Not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The next meeting of the Auburn School Board will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy,
Recording Secretary