

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.  
AUBURN VILLAGE MEDIA CENTER**

**These minutes have not been approved.**

Alan Villeneuve, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Samantha Belcourt, Barbara Carpenter, Jason Tyburski and Janice Baker; Principal, Lori Collins; Director of Student Services, Deena Jensen; 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 Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the Auburn School Board Meeting minutes with the following amendment: Add to Samantha Belcourt's quote on page 2, that the 3' distancing follows the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics. After much discussion, a vote was taken. With all voting no, the motion did not carry.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to amend the August 11, 2020 minutes on page 2 to read: "Bill Rearick stated that the 3' distance follows the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics". The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the amended minutes of August 11, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the Auburn School Board Non-Public Meeting (sealed) minutes of July 28, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

There was no participation.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick reviewed his report, saying he welcomed staff back via Zoom, and commended them for a great job done in the spring. He said he went to AVS on the first day of school and was impressed by his observations. Alan Villeneuve asked Bill to write a letter to Education Commissioner, Frank Edelblut regarding CARES Act funding, use of hand sanitizers in hallways, and COVID-19 in general. In his letter, Bill will invite Mr. Edelblut to an upcoming Auburn School Board meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Reports of Administrators**

Reports of Administrators were in the packet for review.

Lori Collins stated how great it is to have the kids back in school. She said they are all learning social queues. Lori stated that she can't say enough about the staff and credited them for a successful start to school. They will continue to work on Parent Pickup. She said teachers are struggling with remote learners who are feeling a little disconnected. Barbara Carpenter asked if a student could participate in remote learning if they are out sick, to which Lori stated that those in grades 5-8 could, because those classes are streaming. However, students in the lower grades would have to take it as an absence. Teachers could send home work. Jason Tyburski asked for clarification on the procedure for siblings of those who are sent home sick. Bill Rearick stated that siblings would not be sent home unless they were showing symptoms. Janice Baker asked Lori Collins how they were doing with regard to having all necessary equipment. Lori stated that Chromebooks are expected in mid-October. Deena Jensen stated that because of remote learning, she is currently fully staffed, but that if everyone returns to in-person learning, she will be understaffed. Janice Baker asked Deena Jensen about compensatory services, to which Deena stated that she has only experienced this once in her tenure at AVS.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Standing Committees**

Janice Baker stated that the construction committee meetings will be winding down, and that most of the pending work is outside projects. She said fields are getting ready for fall sports, the playground has been striped, landscaping will begin within a month, and that irrigation will be installed. Alan Villeneuve added that Scott Dube will be looking into walk-off gymnasium floor mats, as the next election will have to be held in the gym. Alan said an error on the part of the surveyors caused the baseball field to be un-level. Because of this, an additional leach bed will be installed at no cost to the district. Alan said the district may opt to contribute to the new leach bed as they were already aware of a future need. Alan added that all new construction included 100% fresh air exchange. He said the front office is looking into ultraviolet lights.

Alan Villeneuve asked the Board if they had any suggested resolutions for the New Hampshire School Boards Association. Alan asked if any Board member was interested in participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizen's Academy which begins in October.

### **Land Sale Update**

Alan Villeneuve reported that the closing date for the sale of the Hooksett Road property is scheduled for March 8, 2021. Joe Falzone is going before the Planning Board on September 23, proposing 80 elderly housing units. He is requesting a 120 day extension from the Board, citing delays due to COVID-19. Some discussion ensued.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to state that the Board is not inclined to grant Mr. Falzone an extension of the closing date on the Hooksett Road Property, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Request for Recycling of Materials**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the request to recycle materials as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Handbook Changes**

Handbook changes were in the packet for review.

Motion by Janice Baker seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the handbook changes as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **Manifest Approvals**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the August 21, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$202,698.12, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter to approve the August 21, 2020 construction manifest in the amount of \$4,530.90 and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the September 4, 2020 construction manifest in the amount of \$198,989.18, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter to approve the September 4, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$413,000.64 and the motion carried unanimously.

### **MOA with the Auburn Educational Association**

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement between the Auburn School Board and the Auburn Educational Association. Alan Villeneuve stated that this document codifies health and safety protocols, allows for sick days to be donated to a COVID-19 sick bank, and allows teachers' children to attend AVS during the pandemic.

Janice Baker asked if there were provisions for those visiting 'hot' states. Bill Rearick stated that those leaving New England would have to quarantine for 14 days after returning to NH. He said a letter went to each staff member clearly stating that the expectation is for staff to not travel unless absolutely necessary. Janice asked for the MOA to strongly suggest that those who teach give advance notice for upcoming travel.

Motion by Barbara Carpenter, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Auburn Educational Association. With Janice Baker voting no, all others in favor, the motion carried.

## **POLICIES**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading-Policies EBCF Pandemic School Plan, KF Community Use of Facility, and III Remote Learning were reviewed as a first reading. Considerable discussion ensued as to the necessity of Policy EBCF.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to eliminate Policy EBCF, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Co-Curricular Nominations Ratification**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the Ratification of the Co-Curricular Nominations as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Athletic Nominations**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the Athletic Nominations as amended and present, at \$3,500 salary, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Board Member Resignation**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to approve the Board resignation of Samantha Belcourt as presented, and the motion carried unanimously. Alan Villeneuve thanked Samantha for her time on the Board and presented her with a dish garden.

## **INFORMATIONAL Items**

Budget Calendars

NHSBA Call for Resolutions

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

Not necessary.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board began to adjourn when Alan Villeneuve stated that the Board needed to discuss how to go about replacing Samantha Belcourt on the Board.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Barbara Carpenter, to amend the agenda to discuss filling the Board vacancy, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

The vacancy will be posted in the next edition of the Town Crier. Interested parties can submit a letter of intent to the SAU office until October 12. The Board will discuss at their meeting on October 13.

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Auburn School Board will be October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

The SAU Board will have a remote Board meeting on September 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy,  
Recording Secretary