

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JULY 28, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**These minutes have been approved.**

Board Chair Alan Villeneuve called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Those attending remotely were Board members Janice Baker, Jason Tyburski, and Samantha Belcourt. All stated they were alone. Also in attendance was Principal, Lori Collins; Assistant Principal, Lindsay Murray; Technology Director, Bob Strobel; Maintenance Director, Scott Dube; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick; Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak; and Business Administrator, Amy Ransom. In addition were Eileen McDonald and Crissy Ouellette, Auburn Education Association Co-Presidents.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Superintendent Rearick provided proof of posting.

Alan Villeneuve read 'A Checklist To Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The Right-to- Know Law During The State Of Emergency'.

A moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of two Auburn residents.

**All votes taken were poll votes.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Re-Entry to School Plan - Discussion**

Alan Villeneuve stated that Superintendent Rearick had provided more information to the Board in the two weeks since they last met. Bill Rearick summarized each of the three plans and said Dr. Chan's presentation guidelines will be added as each plan remains fluid. He said no plan is a 'stand-alone' as situations change and the plans have been built to shift as necessary. Mr. Rearick added that the committee is beginning to build protocols. 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, positive cases and if the percentage exceeds 5%, they would switch. They are working on a second survey, and at pushing the start of school to allow for additional professional development. Lori Collins stated that she would like professional days on August 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31 and September 1, no school on September 8 due to the primary, and in-school day on October 2. The first day for students would be September 2, 2020, and the last day of school would remain June 11, 2021. Samantha Belcourt asked if special education requirements would be met for IEP's and 504 Plans, to which Lori Collins stated they would. Janice Baker asked where they stand on tablets, to which Bill Rearick responded that they were ordered in March. Bill said regardless of which plan the Board chooses, they should be cognizant of the fact that any in-school instruction is contingent upon having enough staff. He referred to the new Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which states that an employee whose child's school/daycare is closed is eligible to take a leave. A letter was sent to staff to see if there would be a full complimentary of teachers.

When asked by Alan Villeneuve for his recommendation, Mr. Rearick stated that nothing is clear-cut, and that he understands there is much anxiety about re-entry to school. However, based on current data/conditions and the community feedback, he recommends Plan A. He said the hope is to get as many students into school, while mitigating the spread of the virus. Janice Baker said she was happy to see a new reading curriculum and asked if any new technology is needed. Lori Collins stated that many of the current systems have added remote learning tools which included Math in Focus, but also said Pear Deck and See Saw will also be used. Janice Baker asked if a teacher would qualify for leave if their child's school/daycare was closed. Bill Rearick stated that they would. She asked if siblings of a student who exhibits symptoms would be required to go home as well. Bill Rearick stated that they would. Testing is optional, but if the parent chooses not to have their child(ren) tested, they must remain home for ten calendar days. Janice Baker asked how comfortable they are with current nursing and custodial staff. Bill Rearick stated that there is a 'monumental need' for custodial staff, and Lori Collins said she is looking into student nurses and that a former nurse has offered her services. Funding is needed. Eileen McDonald asked if a staff member would be allowed to stay home if they didn't feel safe to go to school. Alan Villeneuve stated they could do remote.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to go with the Superintendent's recommendation of Plan A as presented, students into school with the caveat of a remote option for students unable to be taught in an in-person situation. A poll vote was taken. With Samantha Belcourt No, all others in favor, the motion carried.

**Policy AC**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the second reading/adoption of Policy AC as presented, replacing the word 'Plan' with 'Policy' in the title. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2020. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**School Calendar**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to approve of the calendar changes as requested by Lori Collins, having the student's start date of September 2, 2020. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**FINANCE**

Motion by Samantha Belcourt seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the June 30, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$777,173.90. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the July 9, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$1,179,091.80. 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)**

At 7:15 p.m. motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Samantha Belcourt, to enter into a non-public session RSA 91-A:3 Section II c. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Samantha Belcourt, seconded by Janice Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 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, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center, or remotely, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy,  
Recording Secretary