

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Alan Villeneuve, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Those in attendance were members Janice Baker, Jason Tyburski, Adrian Newton and Derek Berger. Also in attendance were Principal, Lori Collins; of Student Services, Deena Jensen; Middle School Grade Leader, Kerry Boles; Technology Director, Keith Lord; Maintenance Director, Scott Dube; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick; Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak; and Business Administrator, Amy Ransom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Scott Dube led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON – Mary Lachance

Mary spoke to the Board on activities happening at Pinkerton which included:

- She Kills Monsters
- Alumni Craft Fair
- Mattress Fund Raiser

Upcoming: Sophomore Semiformal/Hypnotist/Pinkerton's Got Talent

Mary explained block scheduling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the October 12, 2021 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident Kirsten Wright thanked the Board for allowing mask-wearing to be optional as it causes less anxiety and confusion for students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick summarized his report which was in the packet for review. He said the voluntary COVID testing is awaiting the contract from Convenient MD, after which time it will be reviewed by our attorney. Bill said the concern is having enough tests as the state is struggling with demand. Bill said he continues to follow the trends and that two of the 3 indicators have been met. He said that it is quite possible that there may be a need to have a school-wide mask mandate.

Derek Berger asked about hosting clinics to which Bill Rearick stated that the Hooksett Board voted to send out a survey asking parents if they would be interested in a voluntary vaccine clinic for those 5-11 years old. He said the Auburn Board could do the same. Derek stated it would be convenient but that the Board should consider any costs attached to it. Marge Polak stated that it would be free and it would be similar to the clinic previously held for teachers and staff and located in Hooksett. After Alan Villeneuve voiced concerns with it being in Hooksett, Marge said she could look into Auburn hosting their own. Considerable discussion ensued. Adrian Newton said she had no problem with gauging interest. Jason Tyburski said motivated parents will go to their pediatrician and was not opposed to sending out a survey. Janice Baker stated she would rather not do it and that there are other venues for vaccines. No vote was taken, but the final consensus of the Board was to not send out a survey.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Janice Baker asked Marge Polak if there is a need for a grant to develop a Makerspace, to which Marge said there is \$10,000 available to start building a foundation to build on. Derek Berger asked where it integrates into curriculum, to which Marge answered science, math, art and language arts. Alan

Villeneuve asked Lori Collins what it would take to create that kind of space to which Lori stated the original plan was to use the 'fish bowl', but that area is being used for reading instruction. Alan asked Lori to present a timeline before March 2022.

Some discussion ensued relative volleyball referenced in Lori Collins' report. It was the Board's consensus not to install a permanent volleyball netting system at this time.

Jason Tyburski stated that boys placed 2nd of 122 and the girls placed 5th out of 115 in the Division 3 cross-country state championship.

Janice Baker said many of the topics in Deena Jensen's report should be brought up at the Pinkerton sending town's meeting.

Keith Lord summarized his report, and Alan Villeneuve asked grade 6 teacher Kathy Roggenbuck how technology has been going. Kathy said it is going well and that she is continuing to learn ways to monitor tech usage in her classroom to keep students focused.

Alan Villeneuve stated that there should be a final walkthrough, checking drainage and the grass issue.

Lori Collins requested that the new scoreboard be wireless.

Reports of Standing Committees

Janice Baker reported that the budget committee continues to meet and that they will be reviewing the school budget on November 23.

Derek Berger reported that the Delegate Assembly was held on October 16. He said the New Hampshire School Boards Association has pulled out of the National School Boards Association.

Adrian Newton reported that the PTA will meet next week.

Derek Berger reported that the transportation committee met to discuss the ongoing request for moving a bus stop closer to Juniper/Lovers Lane from Chester Road/Lovers Lane. He said they are not able to accommodate the request.

OLD BUSINESS

Bus Issues

Bill Rearick reported that he sent two letters to Student Transportation-America (STA) and got a response back from only one of them. Janice Baker suggested that the bus company be asked to repurpose funds saved on salaries to be used to address learning gaps. Bill also said that he wrote a letter to the Education Commissioner on behalf of the Hooksett Board, requesting that he ask the governor have the National Guard help their district deal with the bus driver shortage. Alan Villeneuve asked that a letter be sent to the commissioner on behalf of the Auburn School District as well.

Bill Rearick said Amy Ransom is drafting an RFP which will be before the Board at their next meeting.

Alan Villeneuve asked if the busing issues would be alleviated if no busing was provided to high school, to which Lori Collins said they would not.

Lindsay Murray and Deena Jensen said drivers are doing a great job and that the Supervisor is driving as well.

Resident Kirsten Wright said bus 7 is never late and the driver is never out.

Support Staff Benefits

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to extend benefits to support staff and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to amend the agenda to discuss the 2022/2023 proposed budget, and the motion carried unanimously.

Alan Villeneuve asked Amy Ransom to remove years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, and to add a column next to the 'actual' column to provide 'difference'. Bill reviewed revised numbers and said Amy Ransom would be updating the Board. Health and dental numbers came in during this meeting and special education tuition numbers are not in yet.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the 2022/2023 school district budget in the amount of \$16,313,909 with health insurance for support staff and special education tuition lines open and health and dental adjustments to be made, and the motion carried unanimously.

Janice asked for clarification on some items from Amy Ransom and Marge Polak so she could be better prepared for the meeting with the budget committee. Janice suggested that Amy Ransom have regular meetings with department heads to get a more accurate picture of encumbrances. Janice asked for an additional column in the budget for notes.

NEW BUSINESS

MOU Health and Technology

Bill Rearick stated that this was a very productive process, but after considerable discussion on each MOU, the Board felt they weren't ready to sign either.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to table the approval of the AEA MOU-Health, and AEA MOU-Technology, and the motion carried unanimously.

Washington, DC Trip

Lori Collins asked the Board if they would approve allowing the Washington, DC field trip. Lori said it is not school-sponsored, but that the Board usually makes their approval. Some discussion ensued.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to allow the awareness of the Washington, DC trip, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Manifest Approvals

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the 10/11-10/22 manifest in the amount of \$2,515,552.27, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the 10/25-11/12 manifest in the amount of \$512,437.15, and the motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Resident Jennifer Aldridge asked if the masking rules could be adjusted now that vaccines are available, to which Alan Villeneuve stated that we can't ask people if they are vaccinated in the traditional way as this vaccine is not required in order to enter school. Alan said the COVID 19 Response Plan would be adjusted as things progress. Ms. Aldridge asked about the testing policy, to which Alan said it is not a policy, but an opportunity for participation for symptomatic kids to be voluntarily tested. Bill Rearick said they are still waiting on the contract from Convenient MD to be sent to our attorneys.

POLICIES

No action was taken on the policies. Each policy will go back to the policy committee for further review.

PERSONNEL

Retirements

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to accept the retirements of Jill Kyzer, Wendy Smith, and Eileen McDonald, and the motion carried unanimously.

Co-Curricular Nominations

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Jason Tyburski to accept the co-curricular nominations as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

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

No need.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE, and/or MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Enrollments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next Auburn School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Recording Secretary