

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 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, Adrian Newton and Derek Berger. Also in attendance were Principal, Lori Collins; Assistant Principal, Lindsay Murray; 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**

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting. Bill said COVID updates still warrant the need for a mask requirement. He said that they had an open enrollment so that qualified paraprofessionals could partake in health benefits.

**PINKERTON LIAISON** – Mary Lachance

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

- Coney Island Show
- Pinkerton's Got Talent
- Sophomore Semi-Formal
- Winter Sports Begin
- Flex Periods

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

Jonathan Labbe said his daughter Carmita is working on a Cub Scout Award.

Kristen Wright spoke to mask-wearing and felt it should be the parent's choice and that children don't wear masks outside of school. Suggested the district do a pilot study to review effects in Auburn.

Jaime Shevlin asked what the contingency plan would be if COVID gets worse, to which Bill Rearick said they would go remote if necessary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the November 9, 2021 Board meeting minutes, striking the word 'Pfizer' from Derek Berger's comments under 'Superintendent's Updates', and the motion carried unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick summarized his report which was in the packet for review.

**REPORTS**

**Reports of Administrators**

Reports of Administrators were reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget Updates**

Amy Ransom confirmed the 2022/2023 budget in the amount of \$16,385,584.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Therapy Dog**

Some discussion ensued relative to the benefits of having an in-school therapy dog.

**Draft Warrant Articles**

The Board reviewed the draft warrant articles and amended the default budget amount. Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the draft warrant articles as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

**School Calendar**

The school calendar was reviewed and some changes were made as suggested by the AEA.

**FINANCIAL**

**Manifest Approvals**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the 11/15/21-12/10/21 manifest in the amount of \$1,017,840.55, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Expenditure Report**

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

**PERSONNEL**

**Resignation**

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to accept the resignation of Michelle Widdison, and the motion carried unanimously.

**POLICIES**

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to accept the first reading of policies ECAF, EEAA, and GBA as presented, with a few language changes, and the motion carried unanimously.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II (c)**

At 8:15 p.m., motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to enter into a non-public session RSA91-A:3 Section II c. A roll call vote was taken and with all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board re-entered into a public session at 8:38 p.m. Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Janice Baker, to modify the 2022-2023 calendar to add a non-instructional day, and the motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE, and/or/ MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

Enrollments

SAU Bus RFP

Considerable discussion ensued regarding language in the Bus RFP.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next Auburn School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy  
Recording Secretary