

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.  
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

**These minutes have been approved.**

Alan Villeneuve, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Those in attendance were members Janice Baker, Adrian Newton and Derek Berger. Also in attendance were Principal, Lori Collins; Director of Student Services, Deena Jensen, Middle School Grade Leader, Kerry Boles, Maintenance Director, Scott Dube; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak, and Business Administrator, Amy Ransom.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Doug Proctor led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

**PINKERTON LIAISON** – Mary Lachance

Mary was unable to attend the meeting but sent a summary of events to the Board for review.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the January 11, 2022 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the January 11, 2022 sealed, non-public meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

Jennifer Aldridge voiced her opposition for mask mandates.

Patrick Kelly echoed Ms. Aldridge's sentiments and asked the Board to make mask-wearing optional.

Kirsten Wright asked the Board to end mandated masks in school.

Jennifer Anderson asked the Board to consider a Family and Consumer Science program. Alan Villeneuve explained that there is currently not enough physical room for such a program, but that it is part of discussions in the more global strategic planning. Ms. Anderson also asked the Board to consider hiring a math interventionist. Bill Rearick said they understand the issue with math and are looking into it.

Doug Proctor from The Turner Group was in attendance to show three options for renovations to the Media Center. After some discussion, it was the Board's consensus for Mr. Proctor to proceed with next steps.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick summarized his report which was in the packet for review. Bill said that the DHHS is retiring the 'dashboard' which will in effect eliminate criteria used in the Reopening Plan to determine mask requirements. He suggested that mask wearing be optional due to the fact that the criteria used to pivot will be obsolete. Considerable discussion ensued. It was the Board's consensus to allow the Superintendent to suspend the mask requirements when the criteria information is removed by DHHS.

**REPORTS**

**Reports of Administrators**

Reports of Administrators were reviewed.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Adrian Newton reported that the PTA had a meeting on 1/18. Some recent and upcoming events are

-Reflections Contest

-Missoula Children's Theater

-BINGO

-Summer Camps

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Strategic Planning**

Janice Baker stated that the strategic planning process continues. The group is working on envisioning the future. The next meeting in on February 17.

### **MOA with Auburn Education Association**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the Health and Safety MOU as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Public Relations Proposal**

Bill Rearick provided a public relations proposal per the Boards request. No action was taken but Bill said this could be a component of the strategic planning process.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **Manifest Approvals**

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$1,799,062.53, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Expenditure Report**

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

## **POLICIES**

Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Janice Baker, to accept the second reading Policies DG Depository of Funds, DI Fiscal Accounting and Reporting, DKC Expense Reimbursement, and the motion carried unanimously. Policies DGA Authorized Signatures/Check-Writing Services and JICD Student Discipline and Due Process will go back to the policy committee for further review.

Alan Villeneuve asked Scott Dube if the insulation problems with the sprinkler system have been addressed, to which Scott said it will be fixed this upcoming Saturday.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Jennifer Anderson spoke to possible Media Center renovations and how it would be funded, to which Alan Villeneuve stated there may be funds left over at the end of the year. He reiterated that a Family and Consumer Science program will not be on a Board agenda, and for Ms. Anderson to reach out to Lori Collins or Marge Polak regarding her concerns on the subject.

Jennifer Aldridge asked when physical education would return to the gym. She said kids need to run around. She asked for optional masking before DHHS takes down their dashboard.

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

At 7:55 p.m., motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II c and k. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered into a public session at 9:10 p.m. Lori Collins and Marge Polak were no longer in attendance.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Enrollments

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Derek Berger, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next Auburn School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on February 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

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School Board Recording Secretary