

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were members Janice Baker, Adrian Newton, Derek Berger and Jason Tyburski (6:05 p.m.). Also in attendance were Principal, Lori Collins; Assistant Principal, Lindsay Murray; Director of Student Services, Deena Jensen, Middle School Grade Leader, Kerry Boles, Technology Director, Keith Lord; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak, and Business Administrator, Amy Ransom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

State Representative, Jess Edwards led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

TOWN ART CONTEST WINNER

Lori Collins introduced winners of the Town Art Contest, whose artwork of their favorite place in Auburn adorns the Town Report.

1st place was Addisyn Rolfe, 2nd place was Anna Stanton, 3rd place was Delaney McCarthy, and Honorable Mention went to Miley Royer.

PINKERTON LIAISON – Mary Lachance

Mary updated the Board with the following:

- Recent vacation
- Winter Homecoming
- Mask mandate lifted
- Upcoming Flex Week trial period
- Remote learning on recent snow day

NH STATE LEGISLATOR

New Hampshire State Representative Jess Edwards was invited by the Board to speak to recent legislative activity pertaining to education. Attendees introduced themselves. Alan Villeneuve stated that teachers are concerned that the state is telling them how to teach, to which Mr. Edwards stated that the bill in question is to encourage teaching a full range of history. He said the Department of Justice, the Department of Education, and the Office of Civil Rights drafted guidelines clarifying concerns. He said a recent anti-discrimination law was amended to include schools so the language was no longer ambivalent. Alan Villeneuve asked that the Auburn Representatives request a rider to fund building aid for districts that have done work on their facilities, and would have qualified for 30% aid in the past. Mr. Edwards said he would, but the chance of it passing is slim. He added that he is opposed to unfunded mandates, and requested that Lori Collins submit an estimate of the costs to provide mandated feminine hygiene products in the restrooms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the February 8, 2022 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Derek, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the February 8, 2022 sealed, non-public meeting minutes as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick stated that he, Marge Polak, Lori Collins, and the three Hooksett Principals met with STA's vice president and regional and local manager and expressed their displeasure over response time. He

said they are actively recruiting drivers and have switched the bus radios to wifi. Bill said NHSBA reports that 60 bills pertaining to education are currently in the legislature. He also reported that the CDC repealed masks mandates on buses.

REPORTS

Reports of Standing Committees

Adrian Newton reported that the PTA will meet next week.

Keith Lord stated that the Technology Committee continues to review the Technology Plan and will submit and changes to the Board within the next couple of months.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning

Janice Baker explained the strategic plan process and ongoing meetings are to brainstorm on building a framework. She said after the Board is apprised of the plan, they will look to the community for their input as well.

Land Sale Update

Alan Villeneuve stated that the sale of the land closed last Monday. \$750,000 will go into the school district's construction fund and the remainder will go back to the town.

NEW BUSINESS

Professional Development

Lori Collins said the recent professional development days have been successful. She said March 8 was used for common team time and CPR training, and that it was a good day for teamwork.

FINANCIAL

Manifest Approvals

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the 2/9/22-3/8/22 manifest in the amount of \$628,711.40, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the 2/9/22-3/8/22 manifest in the amount of \$95,142.60, and the motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Alan Villeneuve thanked Amy Ransom on behalf of the Board for her service as Business Administrator to the district. Her last day will be April 1, 2022.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to accept the resignation of Patience Joy as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to accept the resignation of Shelby Moore, effective immediately, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to accept the Superintendent's Nomination of Kerry Boles as Assistant Principal, and the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE, and/or MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next Auburn School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
School Board Recording Secretary