

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024 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, Jason Tyburski, and Derek Berger. Also in attendance was Principal Lori Collins, Assistant Principal Lindsay Murray, Maintenance Director Scott Dube; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments Meg Largy, and Business Administrator, Cory Izbicki.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mason and Alex Costello from grades 5 and 2, respectively, led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the December 11, 2023 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the December 11, 2023 non-public, sealed meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC to ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick updated the Board on his discussions with Drummond, Woodsum attorney, James O'Shaughnessy, who has agreed to assist the district in dealing with the Pinkerton agreement language. Bill explained that the need for legal advice is not to 'pull the plug' on Pinkerton, but to try for better communication in a less dismissive way. Bill also said there will be another Pre-K meeting at the end of the month to highlight how it would look regarding transportation and curriculum.

REPORTS

Reports of administrators were reviewed.

Derek Berger questioned why the mentoring program is coded as complete on the Goals sheet. Meg Largy will adjust it to be coded as ongoing.

Scott Dube said MCT floor tiles that are lifting will be repaired shortly and that the storage containers were completed this week.

Alan Villeneuve said the budget committee is meeting for the last time on Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

2024/2025 Draft School Year Calendar*

Considerable discussion ensued relative to the draft calendar and the four, ½ days that have been added for teacher's professional development (PD). Adrian Newton said she'll be interested to see how effective these are and Derek Berger said he would prefer a full PD day on Election Day.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to approve the 2024/2025 Auburn School Calendar as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Warrant Articles

Alan Villeneuve said the Board wishes to continue to support the work of our paraprofessionals. Once they unionized, the Board was blocked from making any changes to their salaries without going through the negotiations process and that the district has legal obligations they must follow. He said though deadlines were made clear and there were ample opportunities to negotiate, the union did not respond until the '11th hour'. At this time the IBEW attorney indicated they would agree to suspend the status quo and accept a 2% pay increase. The Board would have to put it on the ballot for a vote by the town.

No vote was taken, but it was the consensus of the Board to not put this on the ballot for a vote.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve Warrant Article #2 on the Auburn School District Operating Budget for the 2024/2025 as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

The Board reviewed the first reading of policies JKAA, Use of Child Restraint Seclusion/Procedures, BEDG Minutes, EBCC Threats, GCCBC FMLA, and GBGA Staff Health. Some changes were made to language which will be brought to the Board for a second reading in February.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Janice Baker, to accept the first reading of the policies with amendments to follow, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL**Expenditure Report**

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Manifest Approval

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$1,313,018.18, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bill Rearick said he may start a conversation with the Board in February about the Special Education Trust Fund.

PUBLIC INPUT

No participation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Enrollments

Upcoming: Superintendent's Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The Auburn School Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
School Board Recording Secretary