

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 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, Derek Berger and Adrian Newton. Also in attendance was Principal Lori Collins, Assistant Principal's Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Maintenance Director Scott Dube, Technology Director Adam Hollins; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments Meg Largy, and Business Administrator, Cory Izbicki. Christine Osborne, Interim Director of Student Services was also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eighth graders and winners of the Invention Convention, Mark Stapleton, John Zick and Kieran Knudsen led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Other winners included Gavin McGinnis, Coen Gordon, Rylen Petri and Logan McCusker.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the February 13, 2024 Board meeting minutes. With Derek Berger abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the non-public minutes of February 13, 2024, With Derek Berger abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

The Board reviewed old, sealed minutes for compliancy of new laws regarding sealed minutes.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Janice Baker, to seal the minutes of March 10, 2009 in perpetuity (c), and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to unseal the minutes of April 8, 2014, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to seal the minutes of October 14, 2014 in perpetuity (c), and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to seal the minutes of May 22, 2015 in perpetuity (c), and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC to ADDRESS THE BOARD

Stephanie Billingsley asked the Board on behalf of the PTA, asking if the Board would consider funding transportation to field trips. Alan Villeneuve stated that the Board will be discussing finances later in the meeting and she would have her answer then.

Kathy Roggenbuck asked the Board to consider a snow day or a half day for April 8, 2024 because of the solar eclipse. Lori Collins said a large event has been planned at the library which would cause a lot traffic issues during dismissal. Some discussion ensued. Alan Villeneuve felt it was a good idea to schedule a ½ day and if the weather looks to be clear, have a full day off. The other Board members didn't feel they had enough time to think about it and questioned having a day off when there would be a possibility of having poor weather that day.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick introduced Chris Osborne to the Board and each introduced themselves.

REPORTS

Reports of administrators were reviewed.

Bill said he and Adam Hollins will finalize the Data Recovery Plan and will get it to the Board in a secure way. Janice Baker asked Scott Dube when the scoreboard will be installed, to which Scott said within the next three weeks.

Adrian Newton said the PTA has had a number of recent and upcoming events which included:

- Fundraiser
- Holiday Fair
- BINGO
- Father Daughter Dance

- Children's Theater
- Mother/Son Event

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Renewal List

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to table the Staff Renewal List, and the motion carried unanimously.

Janice Baker exited the meeting at 6:50 p.m., and returned during discussions on policies.

POLICIES

Second Reading

Policies JKAA, JKAA-R, BEDG, EBCC, GCCBC and GBGA were in the packet for a second reading/adoption. Some discussion. JKAA and JKAA-R will go back to the policy committee.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the first reading of the policies as presented and amended (typos), and the motion carried unanimously.

First Reading

Policies GBCD, IJOC, DIE, DJ, DJB, DJC, DGA, KD, and DM were in the packet for a first reading.

Some discussion on combining purchasing policies. These will go back to the policy committee.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the second reading/adoption of the policies as presented, 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 \$985,603.82, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bill Rearick spoke to the financial state of the district. Chris Osborne, Interim Director of Student Services, stated that she recently identified a number of costs in that department previously unknown to the district which will result in a significant shortage for the year-end budget. Adding to that, a considerable number of unexpected students with special needs have moved in to the district. Compounding the issue was that the purchase order process was not being properly followed upon signing contractor agreements. Considerable discussion ensued. When asked how bad this is, Business Administrator Cory Izbicki said it will be tough for a couple months, but we will get through it; we will continue to meet with the attorney to find possible options. Cory said he reviews these things every day. He said he can run a balance sheet, but has only been focusing on the expenditure side; cash flow is not a problem. The Board discussed possible ways to make cuts to non-contracted expenses and will meet again on March 21 to further discuss options. Until that time, there will be a hold on spending and on things such as spring sports, field trips, supplies, and other non-essential items.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jennifer Aldredge asked where the checks and balances have been in light of this big of effect on the budget- there should be layers of checks and balances.

Janice Baker questioned some charges on an invoice and requested that the invoice be verified before being paid.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to amend the prior manifest approval to approve \$981,359.07, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

At 8:45 p.m., motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II c. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board reconvened their public session at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derrek Berger, to seal the minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Enrollments

Upcoming: Board Reorganization

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The Auburn School Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
School Board Recording Secretary