

AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, October 8, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Auburn Village School Media Center

These minutes have been approved

CALL TO ORDER

Alan Villeneuve, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Derek Berger, Jason Tyburski Adrian Newton and Janice Baker (6:08 p.m.). Also in attendance was Principal Lori Collins, Assistant Principals Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Math Coordinator, Jenn Bordis, Maintenance Director Scott Dube, Technology Director Adam Hollins, Director of Student Services, Christina Catalano, Superintendent of Schools William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent Kimberly Sarfde and Business Administrator Cheryl DiGennaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eighth graders Grace Perkins, Charlie Wagner and Ella Piascik 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 Adrian Newton, to approve the minutes of the Auburn School Board meeting on September 18, 2024, with the following amendment: Under Superintendent's Update should read '...the bus company spoke with Bill...' and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the minutes of the Auburn School Board non-public meeting on September 18, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick stated that First Student has come to an agreement with the five communities they had been in negotiations with.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators were reviewed.

Janice Baker asked when the Board will receive a full report on the Strategic Plan, to which Bill Rearick stated it would be in November and then monthly after that. Some discussion ensued relative to the curriculum cycle and looking at all curriculum. Bill Rearick said it was an ongoing process and Kimberly Sarfde said the first focus will be on science curriculum. Christina Catalano will report on ELA at the November meeting. Alan Villeneuve requested monthly updates on teacher appreciation efforts. Alan asked Christina Catalano how it is going for her so far and who she relies on for support. Christina said she and Lori have established a good working relationship and that she relies on other Directors of Student Services as well at the NH Department of Education for guidance. Cheryl DiGennaro explained the requisition / purchase order process and the effect those have on the expenditure report. Alan Villeneuve asked for a policy stating purchase order requirements. Considerable discussion ensued relative the need for encumbrances for contracts and all purchases. Janice Baker asked for a report on all revenue sources going forward.

The Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. on November 12 to review the 25/26 budget with the Board meeting immediately following. Alan Villeneuve said Board members will need the budget books before that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Pinkerton Start Time-Discussion

Some discussion on Pinkerton's consideration of an earlier start time.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton to accept possible changes to the Pinkerton start time. With all opposed, the motion did not carry.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Update

Bill Rearick stated that he met with Lori Collins and Kimberly Sarfde regarding NHLI training. Tomorrow administrators will ask teachers what would generate interest and to possibly offer an online option. Adrian Newton explained how training for project-based learning was done in the school district where she works.

FINANCIAL

The Expenditure Report was reviewed.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$3,063,353.19 and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies AC Non-Discrimination, ACE Procedural Safeguards: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability, GBAA/JBAA Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence-Staff/Students and JICD Student Conduct, Discipline were reviewed in the packet for a first reading. Discussion ensued mainly on GBAA/JBAA and the Board asked for clarification on some language. These policies and any clarification requested will be before the Board again at their November meeting.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the first reading of the policies, and the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE, and/or MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Enrollments

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II (a-I if necessary)**ADJOURNMENT (action required)**

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The School Board Budget Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at **5:00 p.m.** at the Auburn Village School Media Center with the regular Board meeting to follow.

The SAU #15 Board will meet on October 24, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center in Candia.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Board Recording Secretary