

AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, November 12, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Auburn Village School Media Center

These minutes have not been approved

CALL TO ORDER

Alan Villeneuve, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Derek Berger, Jason Tyburski, Adrian Newton and Janice Baker. Also in attendance was Principal Lori Collins, Assistant Principals Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Math Coordinator, Jenn Bordis, Maintenance Director Scott Dube, Director of Student Services, Christina Catalano, Superintendent of Schools William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent Kimberly Sarfde and Business Administrator Cheryl DiGennaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8th graders Hannah MacAulay, Oliver Monroe and Marlee Grzasko 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 October 8, 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident's Rachel Alling and Aisharequested that the Board add an additional teacher for next year's grade 5 class. They said 53 of 70 parents have signed a petition and provided copies of parent responses for the Board to review.

Resident Jessica Monroe asked the Board to consider streaming their meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick stated that he continues to meet with First Student representatives regarding the lack of bus drivers and coverage for bus #2. Currently, there is approximately \$28,000 for the 2024/2025 school year in liquidated damages for services not provided. Alan Villeneuve expressed his frustration with the lack of urgency from the bus company and that we need to be more aggressive. He suggested the Superintendent reach out to the Manchester Transit Authority to see if they can be used to assist in transporting the Auburn children in a timely manner. Derek Berger said the Pinkerton Start Time Committee has discussed a possible consortium to run the high school buses. Janice Baker asked for a bus company representative to attend a Board meeting.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators were reviewed.

Lori Collins spoke of monthly teacher appreciation efforts which included holiday games, luncheon, Secret Santa, gift swap.

Alan Villeneuve asked for policies on purchase orders.

Kimberly Sarfde stated that Title II cannot be used to fund Project Based Learning, an item in the Strategic Plan. She said items in the budget cannot be 'supplanted' with Title II funds. Adrian Newton took objection to this interpretation, saying Title II is for professional development related to student learning. Discussion ensued. Kimberly stated that Title II is reserved for professional development for those working directly with students. Janice Baker said district initiatives are outlined in the Strategic Plan, and discussion ensued to whether or not funding is attached to those initiatives.

Lori Collins said that the Veteran's Breakfast was well attended and well received.

Jenn Bordis said VLACS is being used instead of distance learning and she is finding that the students are much more engaged than they had been in the past. Jenn summarized an update on the strategic plan.

Lori Collins said due to budgetary reasons she can't create stipends for new clubs, but that the PTA has offered to fund such stipends. They are also considering provided a bus stop at the Severance School for after school activities. She also said the PTA will be funding additional field trips for AVS students.

Christina Catalano explained the PAGS and summarized her report.

Adrian Newton said current and upcoming events with the PTA include:

Spooky Walk

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

Missoula Children's Theater

Kids Holiday Shop

Policies were tabled until the next meeting.

Janice Baker attending the Sending Town's meeting and said Pinkerton has 26 buildings to maintain and has a total of 11 safety team members of which 3 are school Marshalls, and 3 School Resource Officers. They'll have 96 fire drills. Enrollment at Pinkerton is flat and they have hired a recruiter with hopes of adding an additional million dollars in revenue. She said the Start Time Committee met and that changing made to the start time must be by consensus of all sending schools. SAT results are lower than state averages. Janice Baker asked if Pinkerton makes report card information available.

Washington, DC Trip

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the non-school sponsored Washington DC event, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

The Expenditure Report was reviewed.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$1,309,409.10, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Retirement

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to table the retirement until next meeting, 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 Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled School Board. Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.