

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, February 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Auburn Village School Media Center**

Approved Minutes

Alan Villeneuve, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were members Janice Baker, Derek Berger, Adrian Newton and Jason Tyburski. Also in attendance was Principal Lori Collins, Assistant Principals' Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Curriculum 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.

Jennifer Barnhill led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the minutes of the Auburn School Board meeting on January 14, 2025 amending by identifying the tabled policies, JBAA and GBAA. With Janice Baker abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

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No participation.

Bill Rearick stated that Mimi Friolet from the Town Hall called and asked if the Board planned to provide descriptors to the school district warrant articles as has been done in the past. After some discussion, the Board's input will be included this year's as well.

REPORTS

Bill Rearick summarized his report and said that he did a walkthrough at AVS and reported on his observations. Bill added that the parent hearing at the DOE has been postponed from 2/13 to 2/20. Derek Berger asked Kimberly Sarfde when 504 training will be held for teachers. Kimberly responded, saying that due to the limited professional development time, she was only able to send out a video for teachers to view. She suggested a more robust training could be scheduled at the beginning of next school year. Alan Villeneuve asked Christina Catalano how it is going with paraprofessional coverage, to which she said administrators are currently conducting interviews but that current staff is able to provide services to students. Janice Baker asked Adam Hollins if the investigation into the Powerschool breach is still open. Adam said it was. Janice strongly suggested that Adam get something in writing from Powerschool testifying that the Auburn School District has not been compromised. Alan Villeneuve thanked Scott Dube and his team for their efforts on the Deliberative Session.

Subcommittees

Adrian Newton stated that the PTA is gearing up for the Father/Daughter Dance. She said the PTA is considering funding 3-4 afterschool clubs, based on interest, and will host 3-4 weeks of summer camp. Their next meeting is next Tuesday.

Jason Tyburski said the next Technology committee meeting will be in March.

Alan Villeneuve stated that the Friends of Auburn will be hosting a Trivia Night on March 8 in the AVS Gym. The cost is \$10.

Strategic Plan Update

Jenn Bordis gave a detailed update on the Strategic Plan and fielded questions.

The Board reviewed the Primex Playground Evaluation and the estimate for upgrades.

Asked how this evaluation came about, Lori Collins stated that this is the same playground as was here when she started at AVS and is aging. She said because of the lead time, she would need to order some items now for summer installation. Some discussion ensued.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to authorize the purchase of playground equipment as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

The Expenditure Report was in the packet for review.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$1,921,616.07, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies DAF Administration of Federal Grants, DIA Fund Balance Policy, EBCH Chemical Safety and Chemical Hygiene, GBGA Automated External Defibrillators, and IHAM Health Education & Exemption from Instruction were in the packet for a second reading. Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the second reading/adoption of the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Policies JKAA, JKAA-R Use of Child Restraint Seclusion and Procedures, ADB/GBEC Drug-Free Workplace/Drug Free Schools, ADC/JICG/GBED Tobacco Products Ban-Use and Possession in School Facilities in and on Grounds, IHBA IHBA-R Programs for Pupils with Disabilities and Procedures, ACF Food and Nutrition Services Anti-Discrimination and Civil Rights Complaints, JLCJA Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics, JLP Parental Notification of and Involvement in Student Welfare, and JI Students Rights and Responsibilities were in the packet for a first reading. Some changes were suggested.

After considerable discussion, policies JKAA and JKAA-R will be sent to Drummond Woodsum for further review and clarification.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the first reading policies as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Resident Andrea Robbins asked if there was anything planned for a 'meet the candidates' event, to which Alan Villeneuve stated that nothing is scheduled yet, but there has been some mention of it. AVS teacher and AEA representative, Kathy Roggenbuck said members of the AEA would like to meet candidates as well. She said former teacher, and Auburn resident, Eileen McDonald spoke with people at the Town Hall who said information on the candidates will be in the next Town Crier.

NON PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:00 p.m., motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to enter into a non-public session under NH RSA 91-A:3 Section II a & c. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned into a public session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on February 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca SJ McCarthy, Recording Secretary