

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

These minutes have been approved.

Alan Villeneuve, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Math Coordinator, Jenn Bordis, Maintenance Director Scott Dube, Technology Director Adam Hollins, Director of Student Services, Christina Catalano, Superintendent of Schools William (Bill) Rearick, and Interim Business Administrator Karen Lessard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eileen McDonald 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 June 10, 2024 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC to ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident and State Representative, Jess Edwards, addressed the Board and asked if there were any legislative requests from the district. Alan Villeneuve stated he would like to see some sort of retroactive financial assistance for additions and/or renovations done by Auburn. Alan said the Auburn School District went through the entire state process which was approved, then the state didn't fund that particular line. Alan also requested the Mr. Edwards pursue revoking the exception for semi-private high schools to not have to provide financial information. He said there should be transparency when state tax dollars follow each child. Janice Baker asked to minimize unfunded mandates. Lori Collins asked for school nurse qualifications be re-worded.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Bill Rearick stated that he has met with First Student in order to be pro-active on K-8 bus routes. He also said they can consolidate high school buses to eliminate one bus. This would decrease the number of bus stops, but would save the district \$47,000. This change will be closely monitored and could be reversed if it doesn't work out. Bill welcomed new Director of Student Services, Christina Catalano and said that Kimberly Sarfde has been hired as Assistant Superintendent for SAU #15. Kimberly has met with district administrators and will be in attendance at the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2023/2024 /Expenditure Report and Fund Balance

Karen Lessard stated that the 23/24 year overages were covered by cuts made by the Board and administration and by borrowing \$138,000 from the July town assessment. Karen summarized 23/24 the revenues, expenditures and fund balance and said 23/24 is now closed.

In-School Primary Day

Bill Rearick said the AVS administrative team expressed concern over having an in-school day on a voting day, citing traffic, parking, student lunches and recess. He asked the Board to consider making this a non-school day, pushing the last day of school to June 18, 2025. Considerable discussion ensued.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton, to modify the 24/25 school calendar to have September 10 a Professional Development Day and to have an in-school day on September 27, and the motion carried unanimously.

Age of Entrance

Auburn School District policy JEB was discussed briefly. Alan Villeneuve noted that Candia's and Hooksett's similar policies have an earlier cut-off age than Auburns. No action was taken.

Pinkerton Bus Routes

Pinkerton bus routes were in the packet for review. Many stops have been consolidated to allow for the decrease of one bus.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Janice Baker, to accept the Pinkerton bus routes as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Salary Comparisons

Salary comparisons were reviewed. No action was taken.

Preschool Update

Lori Collins stated that currently, there are nine 3 year-olds and four 4-year olds enrolled and that the program is coming along wonderfully. Paras have been hired and the calendar is almost complete. Lori summarized a typical day in each program. Tuition is \$125 for the 3's and \$250 for the 4's. Bill Rearick thanked Scott Dube for everything he did preparing the Pre-K playground. Melissa Prunier also gave kudos to Scott, saying they were able to have preschool in the summer because of Scott's efforts.

Gymnasium Water Leak

Bill Rearick said Scott Dube has identified where the leak is in the wall and a mason will be coming in this week. Alan Villeneuve asked Scott if the building is ready for opening day, to which Scott assured him it is.

POLICIES

Policies which referenced 'Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction' were changed to 'Assistant Superintendent'.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to accept the policy changes 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 June manifest in the amount of \$1,030,266.21, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the July manifest in the amount of \$1,511,474.68, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Derek Berger, to approve the 7/24/24-8/13/24 manifest in the amount of \$756,556.61, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Superintendent's Nominations

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Adrian Newton to approve the Superintendent's nomination as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Derek Berger, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to amend the agenda to discuss the Board schedule, and the motion carried unanimously.

Alan Villeneuve stated he will not be available for the September 10th meeting.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to move the September 10th meeting to September 18th, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Resident Alyssa Stanton asked for clarification for the changes to the bus routes and asked if the cost for Adventurelore would be covered by the PTA. She asked the Board to consider bringing back distance learning. Resident Eileen McDonald asked if any other cuts were made that were not made public tonight, to which Alan Villeneuve stated that no other cuts have been made.

Andrea Robbins asked if parents will be notified of bus changes and where parents could provide feedback. The Superintendent said to contact the transportation department at the SAU office to provide feedback.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Janice Baker at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Jason Tyburski, 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 unanimously.

The Board resumed their public session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Jason Tyburski, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

Janice Baker stated that the Board will uphold Auburn School District policy JEB as currently written.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Enrollments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jason Tyburski, seconded by Derek Berger, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The Auburn School Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
School Board Recording Secretary