

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Derek Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were members Janice Baker, Adrian Newton, Michelle Gilbert and Anthony Piascik. Also in attendance was Principal Lori Collins, Assistant Principals' Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Technology Director Adam Hollins, Director of Student Services, Meredith Davine, Director of Maintenance Scott Dube, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick and Assistant Superintendent, Kimberly Sarfde.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cross Country Champions Tyler Storlazzi, Jack Tyburski, Hailey Tousignant and Bryanna Tousignant led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Rearick presented Scott Dube with an award and congratulated him for 10 years of service.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON

Cooper Morrison updated the Board with events at Pinkerton Academy, which included:

- New cell-phone policy continues to be an adjustment; all students received wired earbuds
- Mack Plaque Dance was well-attended
- Upcoming play: Sleepy Hollow
- Chorus concert at the end of the month

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the September 9, 2025 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC to ADDRESS THE BOARD

Carol Robinson asked for clarification of what is going on with School Care and how it affects Auburn. Bill Rearick explained that Auburn is a member of School Care, a company that manages many of NH's municipal and school district's healthcare. School Care recently notified their members that their reserves have fallen to a point where, without corrective action, the stability of the pool is at risk. Because of this, they have mailed out assessments to all of its members. Auburn's assessment came in at \$227,849.00, and is due by July 15, 2026. Bill Rearick said there is a possibility of using savings from the special education line item, but it is early in the year to determine that.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Bill Rearick reported that the districts' attorneys are looking into legal options regarding School Care and that he is looking into other insurance providers. He said the health plan is up 16%, considerably higher than expected, so adjustments have to be made to the 26/27 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Reports of Administrators

Reports of administrator's were reviewed.

Lori Collins stated that Auburn will have an Artist in Residence for the first time in a number of years. Artist Josh Weiner will help students create tiles for a school mosaic. The Student Council, Principals Account, and the PTA will fund the Artist in Residence. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Ms. Collins to sign an agreement with Mr. Weiner.

Derek Berger asked Meredith Davine where we are with the Preschool program. Ms. Davine stated administration is working on logistics for the 26/27 school year as there is only one 3-year old currently attending.

School safety will be discussed at the November meeting.

Scott Dube asked the Board to consider purchasing a Conex Box to be located on town property for storage of school district furniture. Currently, the furniture is being stored in hallways, affecting egresses. The cost would be approximately \$3,000. The Board will consider this purchase after the town agrees to allow it on their property near the salt storage shed on Chester Turnpike.

Standing Committees

PTA: Anthony Piascik reported on the PTA:

- Fantastic meeting
- 643 Summer Campers
- Back to School Bash
- Spooky Walk being revamped and offering two different walks (spooky vs. not spooky)

Technology: Adam Hollins said he has emailed the technology group to set up a meeting.

With regard to School Safety, Janice Baker said the Board must understand what we are deficient in; what are the problems, needs, requirements, and gaps before moving forward. This topic will be discussed further in November in a non-public session.

Negotiations: Bill Rearick said negotiations are ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

School Care Update

Bill Rearick continued the discussion on how districts and municipalities pool together for health insurance. Auburn is a part of School Care, who recently charged their members an assessment to restore their own reserves. To cover this assessment, Bill provided a few thoughts, which included:

- Use fund balance to pay assessment
- Create a budget line item which would then become part of the default
- Create a warrant article
- Take back funds given back to the town to offset the assessment amount

Some discussion ensued. Janice Baker voiced her concern over using fund balance as it would lessen the ability to replenish other trust funds and creating a budget line only helps in subsequent years, not the current year.

Strategic Plan Update

Kimberly Sarfde summarized progress on the Strategic Plan.

Streaming Board Meetings

Michelle Gilbert stated that she spoke with Jillian from Hooksett on how their streaming works in Hooksett and to see if it makes sense for Auburn to start streaming. Adam Hollins stated that You Tube is free. He said the cost is really in the equipment; what quality would the Board want. Adam said a set-up like Candia's and Hooksett's would cost about \$41,000. Candia's is mobile and can be used for other school-wide events. Hooksett has two cameras and multiple mics. Theirs is stationary.

Adrian Newton said anything used should be ADA compliant and would like to see district policies regarding live-streaming of meetings. Michelle Gilbert stated she would love to see live-streaming implemented immediately, but is cognizant of cost and ADA compliancy.

Teacher Request

Bill Rearick stated that there is currently a teacher at AVS who will be moving out of the district and is requesting that her child be able to continue attending AVS, per Auburn policy. This would be allowed pending Board approval due to the date of the move.

Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Anthony Piascik, to approve the non-resident request, and the motion carried unanimously.

Manifest Approval

Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$4,098,397.73, and the motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Report, Summary, and Food Service Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review. The Board thanked Cindy Bourgeault for providing the supporting documents.

PERSONNEL

Retirement

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to accept the intent to retire from Jonathan Wheeler, and the motion carried unanimously.

Resignation

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to accept the resignation of Jenn Bordis, and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Nomination

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to accept the Superintendent's Nomination of Burton Boone, and the motion carried unanimously.

Athletic and Co-Curricular Assignments

Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Anthony Piascik, to approve the Athletic Assignment of Samuel Norris, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies AB NH Parental Bill of Rights and EEBB Private Use of Vehicles to Transport Students were reviewed for a second reading.

Motion by Anthony Piascik, seconded by Michelle Gilbert, to approve the second policy readings as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Resident and AVS teacher, Sarah Kaufman thanked the Board for approving her request to allow her child to continue to attend AVS after she moves out of town.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Janice Baker at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Michelle Gilbert, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91:A 3 Section II a.

A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board resumed their public session at 9:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The Auburn School Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center following a budget meeting, which will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The SAU Board will meet in Hooksett on October 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
School Board Recording Secretary