AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2026 5:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

These minutes have not been approved.

Derek Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance were members Adrian Newton, Michelle Gilbert and Anthony Piascik. Also in attendance was Principal Rebecca Noe, Assistant Principals Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Director of Student Services, Meredith Davine, Curriculum Coordinator Jaclyn Karabinis, Maintenance Director Scott Dube, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent, Heather Cummings and Business Administrator, Cindy Bourgeault.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
8th grade captains for this year's championship volleyball team, Ariella Egan, Alaina Duprey, Emily Chap and Layla Allen led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
The parents in attendance thanked Coach Crystal D'Orio for her dedicated leadership with the Volleyball Team.

PROOF OF POSTING
Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON
Cooper Morrison was in attendance and updated the Board on events at Pinkerton which included:

- Sophomore Semi-formal
- Performance Arts Recital
- CTE Cap Night
- Girls Soccer Team Champs
- Field Hockey Team Champs
- Volleyball Team Champs
- Thanksgiving Day recess

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Anthony Piascik, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the October 13, 2026 Board meeting minutes as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC to ADDRESS THE BOARD
No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE
Bill Rearick said that HB1300 will be discussed later in the budget portion of the meeting.

Administrative Reports
Administrator's reports were in the packet for review. Some discussion ensued with regard to the Wonders curriculum not aligning with new standards. Bill Rearick said it will be difficult meeting the tax cap if purchasing new curriculum due to new standards. Heather Cummings stated that some grant money can be used for training, but not for purchasing materials. Becka Noe said the Veterans Day Breakfast was very well attended. Derek Berger suggested submitting some photos of the breakfast to the Town Crier, and notifying WMUR and the Union Leader to cover the event in future years. Scott Dube updated the Board to blower motor in the boiler needing repair at a cost of $2,800. He also requested installing a door to his makeshift office near the nurse's office. This will be an agenda item in December.
Standing Committees
Adrian Newton stated that the Pinkerton Start Time Committee took more of a bus consortium initiative and will be discussion this further at their meeting in January.
Anthony Piascik reported that the PTA had their Halloween walk. He said they will need more help next year. He said upcoming events include the Holiday Movie Night and LaBelle Winery Christmas light display fundraiser.

Derek Berger said the Budget Committee met on October 29 and will meet again on November 19 to learn how the default budget was created in the past. The final meeting between the School Board and Budget Committee is scheduled for December 10.
Some discussion ensued relative to warrant articles and how they relate to HB1300. Bill Rearick said he is still awaiting clarification from the Department of Revenue through our attorneys.
Cindy Bourgeault presented a handout on the calculation estimate for the tax cap.

Bill Rearick said he will bring his recommended cuts before the Board at their December meeting. He expects health costs to be confirmed by then and hope that Pinkerton tuition rates are in as well. Becka Noe stressed cutting items as opposed to people.
Some discussion ensued relative to creating a Contingency Fund to set aside fund balance and of overriding the tax cap with individual warrant articles to support items cut from the operating budget.

PUBLIC INPUT
Marie Plefka, Hooksett Road: The Board is losing good will by not communicating more clearly; should reach out in a more widespread fashion. Minutes are too vague. Consider a School Board Facebook page. Bill Rearick stated that the cost to videotape meeting is over $30,000. The district won't consider Google Meet as it wouldn't meet accessibility requirements. He said Hooksett was sued in federal court due to not have closed captioning, which they have since purchased. Bill added that Candia made such a purchase a few years ago and viewership is 2-3 people and it cost approximately $33,000. Bill Rearick said efforts will be made to put the budget and recommended cuts online within the week.
Jennifer Anderson, Lilak: Loves having the conversation about the budget. If trying to cut $300,000-400,000, consider cutting high school buses. Glad to hear Becka Noe state that she'd rather cut items as opposed to people. Maybe the Board could reach out to the Booster Club and/or PTA. Consider not providing lower grades with Chromebooks to lower access fees and spacing out replacement schedule to spread the impact. She asked if they could create a club for world cultures, supported by the PTA. Bill Rearick said it's a great way to provide that curriculum, but location and scheduling is an issue.
Marie Plefka said many parents aren't happy with the use of Chromebooks for K-2 and its use impacts penmanship.
Adrian Newton asked for an analysis and audit of Chromebook usage in all grades.
Anthony Piascik said that capital assets must be built into budgets and stressed the Board not to skip replacement cycles.

FINANCIAL
Manifest Approval
Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Anthony Piascik, to approve the manifest as presented in the amount of $907,457.79, and the motion carried unanimously.
Expenditure Report and Summary
The expenditure report and financial summary were in the packet for review.

PERSONNEL
Superintendent's Nomination
Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Michelle Gilbert, to approve the Co-Curricular nomination as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II c.
At 8:18 p.m., motion by Anthony Piascik, seconded by Michelle Gilbert, 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.

The Board resumed their public meeting at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Michelle Gilbert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The Auburn School Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
School Board Recording Secretary