AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
approved

Derek Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were members Michelle Dressler, Adrian Newton, Michelle Gilbert and Anthony Piascik. Also in attendance was Principal Rebecca Noe, Assistant Principals Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Technology Director Adam Hollins, Director of Student Services, Meredith Davine, Maintenance Director Scott Dube, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent, Heather Cummings and Business Administrator, Cindy Bourgeault.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 8th grade captains of the soccer team, Jameeli Alldredge, Isla Kittle and Anna Tanguay led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Anthony Piascik, seconded by Michelle Dressler, to approve the August 17, 2026 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC to ADDRESS THE BOARD Jennifer Anderson (Lilac) addressed the Board asking for their consideration to add Family and Consumer Science to the middle school curriculum. She said though it is not required, it provides valuable instruction in things such as budgeting, career planning, communication and basic life skills. She said due to space constraints, things would have to be looked at creatively but could possibly start as an afterschool club to gain student interest, and the PTA has grants that could cover the cost for a teacher.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE Bill Rearick stated that he, Becka Noe and (Police) Chief Chabot have been in contact regarding how an School Resource Officer (SRO) position would work. Currently there is not enough staff on the Auburn Police Department, so Chief Chabot will be meeting with the Town Administrator to see if adding a position would be possible. Administrative Reports When asked by Derek Berger how the school year is going so far, Becka Noe stated that it's been energetic and positive. She said Lisa Pope has been named World Language Teacher of the Year and will be recognized at the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Program. Meredith Davine reported that there have been a few glitches with the new special education transportation company being used this year, but that they have been very responsive and are working hard at working out any issues. Some discussion ensued relative to how Pinkerton invoices for high school paraprofessionals, which Meredith said was by a complicated method. Some discussion regarding the PreK program ensued. Meredith said the program has more typical students than those identified as

having learning disabilities, and that the ratio is fine due to the fact that the program is a regular education program and not a special education program. When asked by Anthony Piascik how many regular education paras there are at AVS, Meredith stated that there are 6 (4-K, 1 Media Center, 1-Reading Room). Bill reported that the Board took a tour of the building tonight. He said Scott Dube is to be commended for always taking the initiative and troubleshoots items before hiring out to solve maintenance issues. The Board thanked Scott and his team. Adam Hollins said that he is exploring other options to replace Bloomz, as there have been issues, this year in particular, with synchronization. Standing Committees Budget meets in October and neither PTA or Transportation have met yet.

OLD BUSINESS K-2 Recess Becka Noe stated that a second recess has been added for 1st graders. This will begin tomorrow. K-4 recess has increased by 5 additional minutes. Michelle Dressler read a statement in favor of increased recess time. Derek Berger said this is not a Board decision, but more of an administrative one, and administration will continue to look for ways to increase the number of recess times. 1 Chrome Book Update Becka Noe said that kindergarten uses their Chrome Books 30-60 minutes throughout the school day and that grades 1 & 2 use them 60 minutes, on average, throughout the day and over a period of time. Some discussion ensued relative to screen time enjoyment vs. screen time stressors. Becka said she plans on surveying classroom usage in grades 3-8 and will report the results back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS Suggested Topics for Pinkerton Sending Towns' October Meeting The Board members would like to understand the paraprofessional salary formula and how Pinkerton would work around the HB1300 tax cap.

FINANCIAL Manifest Approval Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Anthony Piascik, to approve the manifest as presented in the amount of $595,956.15, and the motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Report The expenditure report was in the packet for review. Cindy Bourgeault said the audit has been completed and that $255,811.17 will be returned back to the town to offset taxes.

PERSONNEL Superintendent's Nomination Motion by Anthony Piascik, seconded by Michelle Gilbert, to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Jennifer Cheatham as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT There was no participation. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II c. At 7:35 p.m., motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Anthony Piascik, 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 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Anthony Piascik, seconded by Adrian Newton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The Auburn School Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet at the David R. Cawley Middle School on September 24, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy School Board Recording Secretary