

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.  
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

**These minutes have been approved.**

Nicole LaFlamme, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Becky Cronk, Karyn Yeatman, Kim Royer, and Matthew (Matt) Woodrow; Principal, Robert (Bob) St. Cyr; Assistant Principal, Michelle Lavallee; Director of Student Services, Kathryn Duncan; Technology Director, Dan Roma; Superintendent, Charles P. (Phil) Littlefield (6:30 p.m.); Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak, and Business Administrator, Karen Lessard.

Jacob and Max Cote led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Dr. Littlefield provided proof of posting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Karyn Yeatman, to accept the minutes of the Candia School Board Meeting January 5, 2017, and the motion carried unanimously.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No participation.

**MODERATOR AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK**

Jennifer Maurice, School District Clerk was in attendance. Nicole asked if she was all set for the Deliberative Session, to which Ms. Maurice stated she is. Clark Thyng, School District Moderator also joined the meeting and stated that he is abreast of budgetary issues after listening to the last budget meeting. Kim Royer asked if future Deliberative Sessions would be held at the Candia Youth Athletic Association (CYAA). Mr. Thyng stated that there has been no discussion about moving away from the school, but that CYAA is open to that possibility. He said the election on March 14 at CYAA is an experiment.

Becky Cronk stated that the town website inaccurately listed the terms for Moderator, School District Clerk, and Treasurer as 1-year terms as opposed to 3-year terms. It has since been revised.

**UPDATES FROM DR. CHARLES P. LITTLEFIELD, SUPERINTENDENT OF SAU #15**

Minds in Motion teacher, Judi Lindsey, showed a short presentation of the 'Level Up Village' (LUV) program, which is collaboration between students from around the world. 7<sup>th</sup> grader Summer Shifflett spoke about her project and the LUV program, saying it was a great learning experience connecting and talking to other kids about engineering. She said she learned a lot about communication and perseverance.

**REPORTS**

**Reports of Administrators**

Reports of the Administrators were reviewed.

Michelle Lavallee stated that Pinkerton Day went very well. All but 6 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended presentations on Career & Tech Ed, Arts, Sports, and the ROTC program. Those students are currently doing course registration. In March, Central Principal Vaccarezza will meet with the 6 students who will be attending Central to review course selections with them.

Marge Polak discussed the SNHU Partnership, saying there are 3 student teachers currently at the Moore School.

Kim Royer asked Marge Polak about report cards, to which Marge said that they are looking at standards vs. competency-based report cards. Language Arts and Math is done, and they are starting Social Studies and Science. She said the hope is to move away from letter grades and to provide more detailed information. Kim asked if Special Education teachers are involved in the process, to which Marge said they are.

Becky Cronk asked Michelle Lavallee how the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Parent Night went, to which Michelle stated that turnout was low, but that she expects higher participation on the field trip to New York.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Budget:** Becky Cronk reported that the Budget Committee met to review the warrant articles. Article #2 was recommended 8-1, (Young opposed), Article #3 recommended unanimously, Article #4 recommended 6-3 (Young, Buckley, Stout opposed). Becky stated a decrease in budget attempt failed. Discussion ensued. 96.3% of the budget covers contractual obligations.

**Personnel, Negotiations and SERESC:** Kim Royer reported SERESC continues to have financial difficulties. They are in discussions about housing some of the administrators elsewhere.

**NHSBA and Manchester Board of School Committee:** Matt Woodrow reported that Manchester continues to have budget concerns. NHSBA has a few upcoming workshops.

**Transportation and Wellness Committee:** Nothing to report. Transportation will be discussed at the April Board meeting.

**Facilities, Policy and Long-Term Planning:** Nicole LaFlamme reported that there is a lot happening and that she will make a presentation at the March meeting. A new lift is needed and is expected to be installed over vacation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2016-2017 Calendar Review and Snow Day Update**

Dr. Littlefield stated delayed openings are going very well. There have been two weather cancellations so far this year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Parent Request to waive Policy JEB (Entrance Age)**

Cameron and Gina Lilly addressed the Board with their request to waive Policy JEB. They were given the opportunity to enter into a non-public session. They declined. Mr. Lilly provided written documentation to the Board. Considerable discussion ensued. Nicole LaFlamme stated that educational leaders have discussed this type of request in the past and because of that, there is a policy in place. Kim Royer said that the child as a whole needs to be considered, not just the intellectual piece; what is good for one may not be for another. She said there is a reason for the policy and she is inclined to stand by that policy. She did, however stress that the parents make sure he is challenged when entering the Moore School to meet his needs. Karyn Yeatman stated that she usually goes by policy, but after reading the documentation felt that the policy should be waived. She said policies are in place, but in some cases exceptions should be made. She felt this was one of those instances. Matt Woodrow agreed that sometimes policies should be waived, but that he didn't feel comfortable granting this request. He didn't feel it was in the Board's charge to assess the child from documentation. Becky Cronk said she had mixed feelings. She believes in policies but individuality as well. She felt what was valid now, may not be so down the road-that is why policies are in place. Karyn Yeatman said parents know the child the best. Matt Woodrow stated that he doesn't disagree with Karyn, but it's the Board's responsibility to stick with policy.

Motion by Nicole LaFlamme, seconded by Matt Woodrow to waive Policy JEB as requested by the Lilly family. With 3 votes No, 2 votes Yes, the motion failed.

### **Parent Request consideration regarding Policy JFAB (Admission of Tuition and Non-Resident Students)**

Heidi Logiacco addressed the Board to discuss Policy JFAB. She was given the opportunity to enter into a non-public session. She declined. Ms. Logiacco stated that due to transportation issues, it would be a hardship for her child to attend a kindergarten in Manchester. She said she has exhausted every avenue and the Moore School would be a fit, as she drives the bus in Candia. Discussion ensued relative to tuition. The Board made it clear to Ms. Logiacco that it would be her responsibility to fund the full tuition. Candia will not enter into any type of tuition agreement with Manchester with regard to this child. Matt Woodrow asked if there are any others tuitioning in to the Moore School. Dr. Littlefield said there are not. Nicole LaFlamme stated that if no payment is made, they will have to leave. Dr. Littlefield stated that tuition rates as based on State Report Form 25.

Motion by Nicole LaFlamme, seconded by Karyn Yeatman, to approve the request of Heidi Logiacco that Autumn Logiacco attend Candia kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year as a nonresident, tuition-paying student subject to the provision of Candia School District Policy JFAB. Mrs. Logiacco will be billed quarterly, in advance, for tuition as computer by the NH Department of Education Form 25. Transportation will not be provided, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **2017-2018 Draft Calendar Review/Discussion**

The Board reviewed the draft 2017-2018 calendar. Discussion ensued relative to the March Professional Development day.

Motion by Nicole LaFlamme, seconded by Becky Cronk, to approve the 2017-2018 Candia School District calendar, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **POLICY REVIEW**

### **Second Reading**

Motion by Nicole LaFlamme, seconded by Karyn Yeatman, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading/adoption of policies IHBA, IMDA, JCA, JJJ, KB, and KLB, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **First Reading**

Discussion ensued relative to the relevance of Policy ADA.

Motion by Nicole LaFlamme, seconded by Becky Cronk to approve the first reading of Policies AA, ABA, ADB, EFDA, JFAB and JLCD and to delete Policy ADA, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCE/OPERATIONS**

### **Review of Expenditure Manifest and Action Relating Thereto**

Motion by Kim Royer, seconded by Karyn Yeatman, to move the February 2, 2017 manifest in the amount of \$388,283.64, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Budget Adjustments**

The Board reviewed the budget adjustments. Discussion ensued relative to Use of Facilities fees. Kim Royer suggested that this be a topic for the Leadership Seminar. Karyn Yeatman said it would be helpful to have a specified budget line for Use of Facilities.

Motion by Kim Royer, seconded by Karyn Yeatman, to approve the budget adjustments as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Kim Royer, to approve the Co-curricular nominations as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Littlefield stated that, for unforeseen reasons, the SAU has been short-staffed. He commended Karen Lessard for her hard work and dedication during this difficult time. Karen humbly said it has been a group effort.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

State Representative - District 2, Kevin Verville introduced himself to the Board and offered his assistance. Dr. Littlefield stated he would like Representatives to visit schools and explain the process to the students. He added that he would love to have every state legislator to have a sit-down in Candia for open dialog. Dr. Littlefield encouraged Mr. Verville to contact him when there is something before the legislature relating to the Candia School District.

## **NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Sections II (a through k) – if needed**

Motion by Nicole LaFlamme, seconded by Karyn Yeatman, to enter in to non-public session RSA 91-A:3 Section II c. A roll-call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board reconvened into a public session at 10:35 p.m.  
No action was taken.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Pinkerton Academy 2017-2018 Draft Calendar  
Enrollment Reports

## **ITEM(S) FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDA**

Field Trip Analysis-Bob St. Cyr (March)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nicole LaFlamme seconded by Becky Cronk to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy  
Recording Secretary