

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Matt Woodrow, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Becky Cronk, Kim Royer, Dana Buckley, and Stephanie Helmig; Principal, Dr. Robert St. Cyr; Director of Student Services, Kathryn Duncan; Technology Director, Dan Roma; Superintendent, Charles P. (Phil) Littlefield; Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak, and Business Administrator, Karen Lessard.

Dr. St. Cyr introduced 8th grader, Allyson Turner, who led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Matt Woodrow introduced Ann Tierno of the Candia Women's Club, who introduced the essay contest scholarship winners, Tess Keating, and Allyson Turner. These winning essays may be viewed on the Candia Woman's Club website. The Board congratulated Tess and Allison.

PROOF OF POSTING

Dr. Littlefield provided proof of posting.

Matt Woodrow opened up the Public Hearing to ratify the March 14, 2017 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to accept the minutes of the Candia School Board Meeting on April 6, 2017 with the following amendment: Under Next/Upcoming Agenda Items the first sentence should read '**Becky Cronk Kim Royer** would like the Board to discuss the sign out front at the next agenda, and the motion carried.'

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Dana Buckley, to accept the minutes of the Candia School Board Non-Public Meeting on April 6, 2017, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Kevin Verville, State Representative from Deerfield, introduced himself to the new Board members and offered his assistance to the Board should they reach out to him.

Sharon DeWitt-Candia: With regard to the petition warrant article it is obvious that Becky and Kim are for keeping the policy (JBAB) and Matt is against it. Asked the Board not to have another public hearing if their minds are already made up regarding repealing. Don't put the community through that again. Please don't repeal or replace.

Linds Jakows-Manchester: Representative of Freedom, New Hampshire in support of the transgender community and its rights. Strongly advises not to repeal or replace policy.

Mary Pacheco-Grade 3 teacher at Moore: Thanks to the PTO for their support in all aspects of the school. Wonderful PTO.

Felix Sheppard-Candia: The issue is not transgender. No one on the Board wanted to listen to the public. Every child has rights and no one questions that. The public voted Board members out not because of their stance on the policy, but because they didn't listen. Don't ram things down our throats. Listen.

Tom St. Martin-Candia: Appreciated the view of Mr. Sheppard and the fact that Ms. Jakows was allowed to speak. Warned the Board to be careful when providing guidelines for public input and cited a recent legal case in Alton, NH. Gave Clarke Thyng kudos for his decision regarding the election. Thanked Mr. Verville for being in attendance and encouraged the other state representatives to do the same. Stated that the house just approved full-time kindergarten. Questioned a \$3,000 budget adjustment on the agenda, and asked if the tick situation would be addressed.

Christy Edgerly-Durham: Has a transgender child. Life is difficult enough for a 12 year old, please don't repeal or remove Policy JBAB. Having that policy in place helps more than you know.

Doug Parson-Manchester: Has a transgender child. This is not a political thing. Child attends school in Manchester and has friends from Candia.

Todd Keating-Candia: In favor of not repealing. Glad others came to support not repealing. Glad Curriculum sub-committee idea has been taken off the table. Asked about the \$3,000 budget item, and if it was related to

the proposed curriculum sub-committee. Dr. Littlefield stated that since two people asked the question, that he would respond. He said this budget adjustment was in no way related to the curriculum sub-committee, and that it is a result of normal legal expenses.

Lisa McKenna-Candia: Would the Board consider Blizzard Bags, appreciates teachers, and hopes the Board will look into an hourly calendar versus a daily calendar for an abbreviated school year, and to keep in line with the other districts in SAU #15.

Mark Chalbeck-Candia: Wants JBAB repealed.

Jim Argerio-Candia: Keep JBAB.

Marsha Garber-Manchester: Parent of a transgender 20 year old who has passed away. Stressed to not repeal as it would send a message to young people if it were.

Jodi Hedstrom-Candia: Would like the attorney at public hearing to cover liability and to give staff a sense of direction. We don't choose civil rights. All children have rights.

Felix Sheppard-Candia: Treat everyone fairly. No one is asking to be treated specially. People want to be heard.

Sandra Trubey-Candia: Gave statistics and described the ripple effect of suicides and attempted suicides in a community. One suicide puts all others at risk. A transgender diagnosis is made only after the child, parents, trained psychologist, endocrinologist, and pediatrician are involved.

Tom St. Martin-Candia: Supports original policy. Reinforced what Ms. Trubey stated and cited two high schools where there were suicide clusters.

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

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Reports of the Administrators were reviewed.

Stephanie Helmig asked when decisions are made with regard to piloting curriculum. Marge Polak stated that Candia has been piloting and may decide to pilot 1 or 2 different ones for K-5.

Stephanie Helmig asked if this is the last year for Science NECAP. Marge stated that it is, but that the state hasn't decided what will take its place.

Becky Cronk asked if there would be spraying this year. Bob St. Cyr stated that there has been one application to be followed by 1 – 2 more. He added that Infectious Diseases would be covered in Health class. Referring to Marge Polak's report, Stephanie Helmig asked about grading and competency/standards, to which Marge stated that minimum standards ask for competencies in each grade level and in every subject. The goal is to do the same with report cards, but that a K-8 school doesn't lend itself to as much detail. The report cards won't be as competency-based, but will give parents more information.

Reports of Standing Committees

Kim Royer stated that there is a SERESC meeting scheduled for Monday.

Dana Buckley stated that the Policy Committee met and will be discussed under 'Policy Review'.

Matt Woodrow said there are many workshops available at NHSBA and that he is still viewing the Manchester Board of Schools meetings, but there is nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Recording of Board Meetings

Dan Roma gave a presentation showing three options ranging from free to \$26,000. Considerable discussion ensued. When asked for his input, Dr. Littlefield stated that Hooksett has a set-up in the higher price range that works out well for them. He added that the equipment is now being used by a newly formed Audio Visual classroom. Becky Cronk warned of regulations with regard to internet and website accessibility and how that may affect the posting of recordings of Board meetings.

FINANCE/OPERATIONS

Review of Expenditure Manifest and Action Relating Thereto

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Kim Royer, to move the May 4, 2017 manifest in the amount of \$542,936.24, and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget Adjustments

The Board reviewed the budget adjustments.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Henry W. Moore School Sign

Lisa Cote, PTO President, addressed the Board, asking for 10% of the amount needed for a new sign. She said this was for a buffer, and the funds would not be expended if unnecessary. She presented a photo of the proposed sign to the Board.

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Kim Royer, to approve the Candia PTO's request for \$2,505.24, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of March 14, 2017 Vote

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Matt Woodrow that the School Board of the Candia School District, pursuant to Chapter 20 (HB 329) of the 2017 legislative session, hereby legalizes, ratifies and confirms all actions, votes and proceedings held at the 2017 annual School District meeting which was postponed due to a weather emergency. This action is taken after a properly noticed public hearing, said notice having been published in the Union Leader and having been posted on the School District's website 72 hours prior to this action. A true attested copy of this Resolution will be posted at the place of the annual School District meeting, with like copies to be posted at the SAU Office, Henry W Moore School, Candia Town Hall, and the Candia Library as well as on the School District's website, with the original to be delivered to the School District Clerk. Given under our hands on May 4, 2017, and the motion carried unanimously.

Signed by the complete Board.

Proposed Candia School Board 2017/2018 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates were reviewed. There were no changes.

Discussion of Petition Warrant

Dana Buckley felt that because 518 'yes' votes were cast the policy should be repealed. Stephanie Helmig stated that she felt that the votes indicated the community wanted to be part of the discussion. Considerable discussion ensued relative to a public hearing including guidelines, moderator, boundaries, its purpose and about limiting public input to a few minutes each. Becky Cronk suggested that any changes made to Policy JBAB be reviewed by counsel.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to hold a Public Hearing on June 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Gymnasium, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Becky Cronk, to move the regularly scheduled School Board meeting from June 1 to June 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Charge

Dana Buckley stated that it wasn't his intent to write curriculum, but he wanted justifiable reasons why particular curriculum is chosen. He said he feels that after the selection process was described to him by Dr. Littlefield, there is no need for a sub-committee. There will be curriculum presentations in the future to inform the Board.

Policies BEDD & BEDH

Stephanie Helmig suggested that the public be informed of the Boards expectations during the public meetings.

Matt Woodrow suggested posting entire packets on the website.

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to post entire packets to the website, and the motion carried unanimously.

Becky Cronk suggested putting Policy BEDH guidelines on each agenda.

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to add Policy BEDH guidelines to each agenda, and the motion carried unanimously.

Teacher Appreciation

Matt Woodrow stated how much the Board appreciates the teachers for their hard work and all that they do

Board Electronic Communications

Discussion on electronic communications to and from Board members. Matt Woodrow would be the point-person, and when replying to an email will 'cc' Dr. Littlefield. Dr. Littlefield also stated that all communication from Board members goes through the Superintendent.

Leadership Summit Topics

- Goal Setting
- Clarify Mission Statement

Candia Heritage Commission

There will be a dedication ceremony for the newly restored owl, on May 26 during the Memorial Day Observation (1:15-1:30).

Field Trip Authorization

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the field trip to the Boston Freedom Trail, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVIEW

First Reading

Policies were presented for a 1st Reading.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the 1st Reading of Policies BBBC/BBBE, BBBE/BBBC, BBBB, and JLCD-R, and the motion carried unanimously. These policies will be reviewed again at the next regular meeting of the School Board.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to remove BBBH, CBB, CBG and CBI, as they will be presented as more appropriate SAU Policies, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL (if necessary)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Judith Szot-Candia: Opposed to limiting a person’s time to address Board.

Tom St. Martin-Candia: Impressed with discussion on working on a process to address real issues while keeping things civil. Glad packets will be online but for the Board to consider redacting when necessary.

Dr. Littlefield stated the packet that will be online will be the same packet that the Board has, with the exception of non-public minutes.

Sharon DeWitt-Candia: Asked if there are statistics for the number of people actually reading minutes or watching video-taped minutes. There are other programs she’d rather see. \$26,000 is a lot of money for something that would not be used often. Who would run it? Please allow those who are not opposed to Policy JBAB to voice their opinion at the public hearing.

Todd Keating-Candia: \$26,000 is a waste of money for recording equipment for something that is rarely utilized. In favor of the 3-minute rule when addressing the Board.

Susan Young-Candia: Agreed with Sharon DeWitt. When another community Board asked for recordings, the cost was \$85.

Sandra Minnick-Candia: Let people know that meetings are recorded and have easier access to the Candia School Board information.

Dick Snow-Candia: Thanked Dr. Littlefield for taking care of the Candia kids. Appreciates all he has done.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 Sections II (if needed)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Enrollment Reports

2017/2018 Standing Committees

NEXT / UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Next: JBAB Discussion

Upcoming: Blizzard Bag discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Becky Cronk seconded by Stephanie Helmig to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

There will be a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Gymnasium.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Recording Secretary