

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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 6:04 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Becky Cronk, Dana Buckley, Kim Royer, and Stephanie Helmig; Principal, Dr. Robert St. Cyr; Assistant Principal, Michelle Lavalley; Director of Student Services, Kathryn Duncan; Technology Director, Dan Roma; Superintendent, Charles P. (Phil) Littlefield; Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak, and Business Administrator, Karen Lessard.

Minds in Motion teacher, Judi Lindsey introduced 2nd grader, Alicia Stafford, who 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 Dana Buckley, to accept the minutes of the Candia School Board Meeting on September 7, 2017, after editing the date from September 8 to September 7, and the motion carried unanimously.

Matt Woodrow asked that the agenda be amended to allow for the Pinkerton Liaison, Elizabeth Nerney, to address the Board.

Elizabeth, a Junior at Pinkerton, updated the Board on current and upcoming events that included Spirit Week, Homecoming Day and Dance, Headmaster Griffin Morse's intent to resign, and that the PSATS are next week. Elizabeth added that Pinkerton offers a prep class for PSATS and that Candia is well represented in sports as well as in academic clubs.

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

No new updates.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Administrator Reports were reviewed.

Dan Roma stated that he will participate in the PowerSchool User Group on Analytics is in November.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

Dr. Littlefield stated that all progress on Goals is embedded in the Administrative Reports. He will continue to put them in the packet to show activity.

HL Turner Group Renovation Project-Nurse's/Science Areas

Matt Woodrow gave a history of the previous scope of projects - exterior, traffic patterns, and fields - and stated that some things were put on hold due to possible town-wide changes. Discussion ensued. Dana Buckley said he would rather wait to see what happens with the village project, and Becky Cronk said it was important to address the science lab and nurse's area now. Kim Royer said that HL Turner was first hired to address possible grounds renovations. She said everything is a 'couple of years out and nothing is a quick turn-around', so she would rather address that in a year or so.

Dr. Littlefield stated that the Turner Group looked at the science and nurse's area to come up with a conceptual plan. That plan was estimated at between \$250,000 - \$300,000. However, a more firm figure came in at \$389,000. Considering that increase, along with declining enrollments, Dr. Littlefield suggested postponing the science and nurse's area renovations as well as the grounds renovations. He suggested that the Board fund an updated demographic study as well as hire the Turner Group to do a facilities

assessment. After this information is gathered, the Board can then concentrate on a long range plan for the Moore School. This should be a priority for all community committees, not just a school district decision. Dr. Littlefield also suggested the next warrant should include adding to the Capital Reserve Fund. He said if possible, the same conceptual plan could be used at a later date. Matt Woodrow said the Board will discuss this further when doing the budget.

Stephanie Helmig asked if the playground was safe, to which Dr. Littlefield said that if he or Karen Lessard were aware of any safety issues, they would be addressed immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

K-5 Grade Level Competencies and Report Cards (M. Polak)

Marge Polak and Cheryl St. Pierre gave a PowerPoint Presentation on K-5 Grade Level Competencies and Report Cards. Marge said the steering committee was made up of Auburn, Candia, and Hooksett teachers. The goal is to provide more information and the emphasis is on student learning. She said they are not doing away with numeric grades and that the presentation will be posted on the website. Dana Buckley said the goal should be to make sure kids are leaving prepared. Marge said the goal is to have less deficiency and the intention is to provide more information to students and families of what skills are being worked on at each grade level. Mr. Buckley would like to see data on the benefits of this type of reporting. Becky Cronk asked why there is no science and social studies grades in K-3, to which Marge said the descriptors will provide that function. Becky asked why the switch to trimesters, to which Marge stated that is to allow for the amount of information to be captured. Kim Royer asked where they are at for grades 6-8, to which Marge stated the committee will begin discussions next year, for implementation, most likely, the following year.

High School Bus Routes (Discussion)

Becky Cronk stated that she, Karen Lessard, and the Director of Goffstown Trucking Co. met to review high school bus stops. Because of the low number of Central riders, they reduced the Central bus to a single morning run and added a Pinkerton bus. They decided not to add Pinkerton stops as it would impact the arrival time at Pinkerton, adding to traffic issues. They will reevaluate high school bus routes again next year.

NHSBA Right-to-Know Presentation (Discussion)

Matt Woodrow stated that the previously scheduled meeting with an NHSBA attorney regarding a presentation on Right-to-Know Laws was cancelled. The Board will revisit rescheduling at a later date.

Budget Binder Additional Pages (Discussion)

Discussion ensued relative to a request by the Budget Committee for a page for every line items. Karen Lessard said there are currently 180 pages and to do what is being requested would add an additional 120 pages. After discussion, Stephanie Helmig will sent the Budget Committee Chair the information electronically, and the Budget Committee can amend their minutes to include that email.

POLICY REVIEW

2nd Reading/Approval

Dana Buckley summarized the policies before the Board.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve Policies BEAA, BEDD, and BEDH as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading/Review

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Becky Cronk, to approve the first reading of Policy DID, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE/OPERATIONS

Review of Expenditure Manifest and Action Relating Thereto

Motion by Kim Royer, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to move the October 5, 2017 manifest in the amount of \$1,247,924.04, and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget Adjustments

The budget adjustments were reviewed.

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

Revenue Report

The revenue report was in the packet for review.

PERSONNEL (if necessary)

Notification of Retirement

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to approve the notification of resignations of Judi Lindsey, Eileen Suckley, Kim White, and Katherine Lacaille, and the motion carried unanimously.

Co-Curricular Nominations

Motion by Becky Cronk, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to accept the co-curricular nominations as presented. With Stephanie Helmig abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried in the affirmative.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Enrollment Reports

SAU Board Meeting: October 11, 2017 (David R. Cawley Middle School)

Pinkerton Board Tour-October 23, 2017 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Candia School Board Budget Workshop: November 1, 2017 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Candia School Board Budget Workshop: *(if needed)* – November 2, 2017 4:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m.

(preceding Board meeting)

NEXT / UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

November guest, Griffin Morse-Pinkerton Academy Headmaster

Science Standards Discussion

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Mary Pacheco said that a recent article in Time Magazine by Jo Boaler from Stanford was in line with the Grade Level Competencies presented earlier. She added that her children both attended Campbell High in Litchfield where competencies were the norm and the transition to competencies was seamless.

Todd Keating stated his kids have told him they do not run outdoors at the Moore School because of safety issues, to which Dr. Littlefield stated he should contact Dr. St. Cyr about this.

Jeremy Gill asked why other quotes weren't received for the renovation plans. He said the decline in enrollment is indicative of Candia itself. Upgrades to the school would be more attractive to new homebuyers. Safety issues should be dealt with.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Becky Cronk to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Recording Secretary