

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM**

These minutes have not been approved.

CALL TO ORDER

Matt Woodrow, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those attending were Board members Stephanie Helmig, Dana Buckley, Mark Chalbeck, and Kristina Ickes; Principal, Becky Wing; Director of Student Services, Kathryn Duncan; Technology Director, Chris Jamrog; Superintendent, William (Bill) Rearick and Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Matt Woodrow led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A 3 SECTION II I

Motion by Matt Woodrow at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Kristina Ickes to enter into a non-public session and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board resumed its public meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity because the divulgence of the information would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person/people other than a member of the board itself, and the motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Clark Thyng and Jennifer Maurice, School District Moderator and Clerk, respectively, were in attendance. Mr. Thyng stated that the Deliberative Session #1 will be held at the Candia Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) and described the health and safety measures being taken to allow for a large group to gather. In addition to special seating set-ups, masks will be required. He said the meeting will be live-streamed, allowing for one-way communication, as he feels that is the best option possible. A link will be posted to the website when available. Matt Woodrow stated that he will speak to all warrant articles and that Stephanie Helmig will second them. Mr. Thyng asked the Board if they were familiar with Executive Order 83 which allows a governing body to push back the Deliberative Session. He said this is being done in Deerfield, as they have no facility to safely accommodate a large number of people. He highly recommended against Candia doing this. It was the consensus of the Board that the Deliberative Session #1 be held, as scheduled on February 3, 2021, at the CYAA.

MINUTES

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the January 7, 2021 meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the January 7, 2021 non-public meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident Kelly Espinola thanked the Board for renewing the contract with New Morning as her child recently started attending and that it has proved to be a very positive experience.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick stated that he had no new updates.

REPORTS

Stephanie Helmig stated the budget committee met numerous times this year. Matt Woodrow said that the budget committee's voting has been inconsistent. He said at one meeting they supported the budget presented by the school board, but changed their opinion at the next. He said at one point, the committee chose to cut the school budget to below default, but were convinced not to after Matt and Stephanie explained the ramifications of doing so. Considerable discussion ensued Mark Chalbeck stated that it sounded as though the committee does not take a comprehensive look at the budget. Matt stated that there have been questions as to why a budget would increase if enrollments decrease. Matt and Stephanie explained that there are a number of line items of the budget and are contractual and cannot be reduced. Bill Rearick stated that it is the cost of doing business, and that it is important to keep up the physical structure of the building. Stephanie explained that although the budget committee made their final recommendation, a resident may request to increase the budget at the deliberative session. Stephanie Helmig stated that she did a cost analysis of tuitioning elementary students, taking enrollment numbers and tuition costs associated with elementary and high school as well as for additional busing, and found it would not have been less expensive. Matt Woodrow stated that if students were tuitioned out, Candia would lose control. Matt said he hopes that in the future the budget committee will conduct a full study of proposed budgets, and come back with specific reductions as opposed to making arbitrary cuts.

NEW BUSINESS

Approved Budget (Poll Vote)

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to ratify the Board's poll vote on the adjusted budget in the amount of \$9,375,674, and the motion carried unanimously.

Warrant Articles and Who Will Speak to Each

Matt Woodrow will move each article and Stephanie Helmig will second.

Storage Barn/Shed

Discussion ensued relative to the storage shed. Becky Wing stated that the neighbors, Patriot Plumbing, who expressed an interest in leasing it, looked at the shed and found it to be in pretty bad shape. Currently school tables and chairs are being stored upstairs, but they will be put back to use when the school fully opens again. Some discussion ensued relative how to best store these items if it is leased out. Bill Rearick will follow up with Patriot Plumbing to see if they are still interested.

Current Staffing Issues

Becky Wing stated that the positive COVID-19 cases she is seeing are not from the Moore School, but the effects are being felt as a result of those having to quarantine because of being identified as having been a close contact. She said her staff is very dedicated and are showing up daily when possible, but that a switch to remote learning could happen at any time depending on who must be out. Bill Rearick stated that Becky and Assistant Principal John Banks are organized enough to have 'pulled it off so far', but it's been challenging and time-consuming. Becky said she is trying to keep others out of the building, including substitutes, so she is being creative with coverage and keeping cohorts together.

FINANCIAL

Manifest Approval

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the January 26, 2021 manifest in the amount of \$284,139.82, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the second January 26, 2021 manifest in the amount of \$178,662.02, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Co-Curricular Nominations

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the Co-Curricular nominations as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Second Reading

Policies JLCA Feminine Hygiene Products, III Remote Learning, JLDBB Suicide Prevention and Response, and JLCJ Concussions and Head Injuries were reviewed as a second reading.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve Policies JLCA, III, JLDBB and JLCJ as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident Jennifer Maurice said the teachers are doing an amazing job, but that she is worried for those who are not taking necessary breaks. She said they are working really hard and said it is imperative that they take crucial time needed for personal breaks. She said the focus of keeping kids in school may be causing mental and physical stress on the staff as well as students and suggested that administration consider going remote for a few days. She said these are 'first year teachers with twenty years of experience'.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/UPCOMING AGENDA

Enrollment Reports
Draft Calendar
Barn/Shed Update

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Cafetorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Recording Secretary