

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 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, Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak, and Business Administrator, Amy Ransom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Matt Woodrow led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

MINUTES

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the November 24, 2020 meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the December 3, 2020 meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick summarized his report that was in the packet for review.

PINKERTON TRUSTEES UPDATES

Pinkerton Trustee, Mark Laliberte was in attendance. He shared how deep his roots are in Candia and felt that the recent SAU Board meeting where he and other Trustees attended had a cooperative tenor and was good for communication. Mr. Laliberte asked the Board for Candia-specific concerns with Pinkerton and if they wanted a Trustee at all Board meetings. Matt said he thought it would only be necessary to have a Trustee attend quarterly.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Reports of administrators were reviewed.

Matt Woodrow asked Becky Wing how things went regarding the return to school after the holiday break, to which Becky said student attendance is high, but that she 'knocks on wood every day'. Becky said that there was not enough interest in winter basketball, but that there is a possibility of creating an intramural basketball program in the spring.

Reports of Standing Committees

Matt Woodrow stated that if Board members are interested in submitting any resolutions to do so soon, as the Delegate Assembly is scheduled for January 23, 2021.

Matt Woodrow reported that the Pinkerton sub-committee met and reported to the SAU Board on January 6. The committee plans on meeting quarterly.

Stephanie Helmig reported that the last budget meeting was a public hearing and that they will be meeting again next week.

Matt Woodrow stated that Lynn Chivers questioned a cost of living increase in the budget. Amy Ransom responded that there is no cost of living increase, but a pay raise for all non-union employees.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

Goals were reviewed.

Educating the Public on Warrant Articles

The Board discussed ways to educate the public about the warrant articles and decided to create a flyer. Amy Ransom said that as long as the flyer contained information on warrant articles and not suggestions on how to vote on them, it would not be considered electioneering.

Discussion ensued relative to a statement recently made about safety concerns of the roof joists at the Henry W. Moore School. After review of the Turner report, no such concerns were noted. Stephanie Helmig said there are concerns with if now is the right time for the warrant article for a lease/purchase agreement.

Dana Buckley stated that he felt the Board is going about it correctly by having it a warrant article as opposed to putting in the operational budget. Matt Woodrow stated that the Board be ready to a contingency plan if it doesn't pass, and that the committee should prioritize items. Bill Rearick stated that the need is most important, and that they run a 5-6 % cost by not doing anything. Amy Ransom stressed that the warrant article is not a bond, but a long-term performance contract. The first year's payment would be \$204,000, and would be \$180,000 per year after that until it is paid off.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Day-Remote Learning

Some discussion ensued relative to snow days vs. remote learning days. Becky Wing explained that when using an hourly calendar, there is the ability to build in 5 'snow days' without having to make them up. The Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to allow for five inclement weather days to be non-instructional, but that any more than five days would shift to remote learning days. With Matt Woodrow and Mark Chalbeck voting no, Stephanie Helmig, Kristina Ickes, and Dana Buckley voting yes, the motion carried.

Manifest Protocols

Amy Ransom stated that past practice allowed for checks to be distributed after the manifest was signed by a Board member, and not after full Board approval, and asked if the Board approved of that practice. She explained the reasoning was to allow more prompt payments, since the Board meets only once a month. The Board consensus was to allow this process and continue to have Board approval at their regularly scheduled meetings.

School Board Responses

Matt Woodrow wanted the opportunity to clarify that the reason intramural teams were created was not due to not enough enrollment, but in order to play against Deerfield, who had a co-ed team. Matt also stressed that any statements made at any public meeting should be factual and vetted statements. He cited one such statement made at a budget committee meeting that ADA accessibility for electronic meetings is not required by law. Matt said it was an untrue statement.

Patriot Heating and Cooling

Neighbors, Patriot Heating and Cooling, requested that the district rent the storage barn that exists between their property and the Moore School for a short time. They stated that they would also make any necessary improvements to the structure. Becky Wing stated that it is currently housing some desks, but that if the remaining room would work for them, she would be amenable to it. Bill Rearick stated that Attorney Gordon Graham has been consulted, and suggested the terms of the rental agreement be for year-long increments. Bill suggested the prospective lessee tour the building with Maintenance Director, Lynda Byrne, to see if it would fit their needs. If so, the attorney will draft the agreement.

FINANCIAL

Budget Approval

No changes were made so no further action was taken.

Manifest Approval

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the January 7, 2021 manifest in the amount of \$518,894.65, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

First Reading

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

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, so eliminate Policy GBA, Equal Opportunity Employment as it is covered in a different policy, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board decided to move their scheduled January 28, 2021 meeting to January 26, 2021 in order to participate in the Pinkerton Sending Schools Meeting.

Matt Woodrow thanked the PTO for their generous donation of water bottles.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

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

At 7:30 pm., motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to enter into a non-public meeting under RSA 91-A 3 Section II c. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board reentered into a public session at 8:05 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/UPCOMING AGENDA

Enrollment Reports

1/28/21 Meeting: School District Moderator and Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Cafetorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Recording Secretary