

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.  
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM**

**These minutes have been approved.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Matt Woodrow, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those attending were Board members Dana Buckley, Mark Chalbeck, and Kristina Ickes. Stephanie Helmig was in attendance via cell phone; Principal, Becky Wing; Assistant Principal John Banks; 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 Kristina Ickes, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the March 11, 2021 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the March 11, 2021 sealed, non-public meeting minutes with one spelling correction. A roll call vote was taken. With Stephanie Helmig abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No participation.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick stated that the NH Department of Human Services (DHHS) has updated the travel guidelines allowing travel outside of New England without having to quarantine afterward. He also said that in conjunction with the Manchester Health Department, SAU #15 was able to hold a COVID vaccine clinic for the SAU #15 staff. The first was administered on March 18. The second will be administered on April 16. 62% of Candia staff participated.

**REPORTS**

Becky Wing stated that they have been able to accommodate everyone who requested switching from remote learning to in-person learning, and that some new kids will be coming soon to in-person learning. Becky also said they have been able to contract with an agency for a Reading Specialist to fill some of the necessary service hours.

Matt Woodrow asked if there was a plan to offer remote learning in the fall, to which Bill Rearick stated that there have been no guidelines from the state yet, so that is still up in the air.

Marge Polak updated the Board on supplemental funds that were received in September. She said that Candia received \$88,400 based 424 K-12 Candia students. She said 137 of the 424 are students who attend Pinkerton Academy. Pinkerton has since requested a reimbursement for those students. The Department of Education has stated that the district should consider it, although it they are not required to do so. After some discussion, the Board would like Pinkerton to supply more details before considering any reimbursement.

Matt Woodrow presented a list of prioritized facility needs created by the Facilities Committee. The list will be reviewed at the Board Retreat after they have a more accurate fund balance amount. Mark Chalbeck asked Amy Ransom to find out if Mike Davey's quote includes pulling the tanks out of the ground. The Pinkerton Liaison report submitted by Madison Butters was reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Goals were in the packet for review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Barn Update**

Matt Woodrow gave a brief history of the barn and said that Patriot Plumbing has decided that they would prefer to purchase the property instead of leasing it. The voters would have to approve putting it up for sale but it wouldn't be offered exclusively to Patriot Plumbing.

### **2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule**

The proposed meeting schedule was reviewed. Matt Woodrow stated that moving the March meeting to the second Thursday would allow for the Board to reorganize.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the Board meeting schedule as amended. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board moved their Retreat day from May 22, 2021 to May 15, 2021. This will be at the Moore School Cafetorium at 8:00 a.m.

### **New Morning Contract Terms**

Amy Ransom said the contract was up at the end of the year. Kristina Ickes stated that their policy is not in alignment with the NH Child Care Licensing Unit. Kristina will supply Bill Rearick with this information to forward to the attorney for his review.

Matt Woodrow asked what the state's guidelines are for wearing masks, to which Bill Rearick stated students may be without a mask if sitting 6' away from each other in a classroom setting. Dana Buckley stated he would like to consider making wearing a mask optional for students outside and in physical education class beginning in May. He said by then the staff and the general public would have had their vaccines. Mark Chalbeck stated that he felt that as long as students remain 3' apart outside, they shouldn't have to wear a mask. Kristina Ickes stated that she has a remote student and has heard from no parents how they feel. She suggested a survey be sent out to gauge parent's opinions. Bill Rearick stated that he felt the staff would be uncomfortable as the DHHS has not made any changes regarding masks. Matt Woodrow stated he is comfortable allowing no masks outside. Both he and Dana said parents have contacted them about relaxing the mask rule when outside.

Stephanie Helmig stated she agreed with making wearing masks outside optional, as kids are participating in outdoor sports. Matt Woodrow said this has been going on for a year and kids should have a break. Dana Buckley began to make a motion when Bill Rearick stated that, because this was not on the agenda, the Board might hold off on taking action until next month. Some discussion ensued. Kristina Ickes stated she felt she didn't have enough information and would like to know how the majority of parents and staff feel. Dana Buckley warned of unintentional consequences of wearing masks. Regarding a survey, Matt Woodrow felt the Board shouldn't use surveys to make their decisions, and Kristina Ickes stated that surveys went out about the subject already, so it wouldn't not be opening up a new issue. When asked by Kristina Ickes about the logistics of relaxing the mask wearing practice, Becky Wing stated things that came to mind are keeping track of parent permissions, contact tracing efforts, and the expectation of having to send entire classrooms home if exposed to a positive case.

Mark Chalbeck stated that the New Hampshire State and United States flags in the Cafetorium, were being improperly displayed, and before the Board left, they were moved to their proper positions.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **Manifest Approval**

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the April 1, 2021 manifest in the amount of \$433,466.07. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

The Expenditure Report was reviewed.

The Revenue Report was reviewed.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Administration Nominations**

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the administration nominations as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

### **Professional Staff Nominations**

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to approve the professional staff nominations as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

**POLICIES**

**Second Reading**

Policies EH-Public Access to District Records and GBEBD-Employee Use of Social Media were reviewed as a second reading.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve Policies EH and GBEBD as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

Policy DFA-Investment was before the Board for its annual review. Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Kristina Ickes to approve Policy DFA. A roll call vote was taken, and with all in favor.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Resident Jennifer Maurice stated the Board took its direction from the DHHS guidelines this year, and should continue to do so. She said there should be no option not to wear a mask. She said the Moore School staff has done an awesome job in keeping children safe, and they should be able to continue. She said it is kids nature to hang out and that it's only three months until the school year ends. She said it's not up to the Board to say it's not necessary anymore.

Maria Gleason, Candia Education Association Co-President, said that kids really need social time and much of that socialization is more likely to happen outside. She said she felt taking masks off would have an opposite effect as they would have to remain further apart.

Meg Morenz, Candia Education Association Co-President, stated that kids are used to masks and no one complains. She said from a younger grade perspective, it would be chaotic keeping kids aware of differentiating outside germs versus inside germs. She said they need socialization and that there are only three months until the end of the school year.

Matt Woodrow said he can hear how difficult it will be transition back as there are varying opinions, but that people must think about returning to normalcy.

Meg Morenz said the majority of kids are fine with wearing masks and that they must continue to follow the DHHS protocols.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A 3 SECTION II (c)**

At 7:27 p.m. motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to enter into a 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 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/UPCOMING AGENDA**

Enrollment Reports

Pinkerton Supplemental Funding

New Morning Contract

Outside Mask Use

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy  
Recording Secretary