

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL**

These minutes have been approved.

Matt Woodrow, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A roll call was taken for the Board members in attendance. Those attending were Board members Stephanie Helmig and Dana Buckley. Mark Chalbeck and Kristina Ickes joined via telephone. Each stated they were alone. Also in attendance were Principal, Becky Wing, Superintendent, William (Bill) Rearick, and Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak.

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 Dana Buckley, to approve the Board Retreat Minutes of May 26, 2020. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2020. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT and Re-Entry to School Update

Resident Eric York requested that the Board offer an online option for remote learning. His proposal is attached to these minutes.

Resident Brian Beauchamp asked if masks would be worn on the bus to which Becky Wing stated that they would be.

Becky Wing presented a 'day in the life' of a Moore School student. Parents would be responsible for taking their own child's temperature and performing a well-check before sending them to school. Each child would wear a mask on the bus and would apply hand sanitizer upon arrival. Students would be seated at individual desks, facing forward. K-4 students would maintain 6' distance while 5-8 would maintain 3'. Masks would be expected to be worn when the appropriate distance isn't attainable and during group instruction. Outdoor and face mask breaks would be taken daily. Students would re-apply hand sanitizer as they board the bus at the end of the school day.

Matt Woodrow stated that all re-entry plans and procedures must remain fluid.

Dana Buckley stated that, though the expectation is for masks to be worn, situations may arise resulting in a student not wearing one.

Resident Kevin Delongchamps asked if temporary classrooms are being considered, to which Bill Rearick stated that a single portable classroom runs \$35,000 - \$50,000 for a single unit with no bathroom and a double runs \$60,000 - \$70,000 with no bathroom.

Resident Lori Otis asked about class size and if new teachers would be hired or current be 'repurposed'.

Becky Wing reviewed class sizes and discussed the possibility of staggered start times.

Resident Tom Otis asked by the Board chose in-person learning as opposed to online learning.

Bill Rearick explained that the Re-Entry team worked for months on three optional plans: In-school, hybrid of in-school and remote, and total remote. After reviewing responses for the first survey which showed the majority of parents choosing in-school learning, the Board chose that option. After a second survey went out, it was clear that, given the option, many of those parents who originally chose the in-school setting would opt for remote.

Stephanie Helmig said they can't ask teachers to do 'double duty' teaching both in person and remotely. Bill Rearick stated that would not be considered. Matt Woodrow asked if parents chose the remote option, would they be committed to a full year, to which Bill Rearick stated that the commitment would just be for the trimester. Stephanie Helmig asked if any more funding is expected, to which Bill Rearick stated there is none expected at this time. Dana Buckley asked if unified arts would be available to those who would learn remotely, to which Bill Rearick stated that online learning would mirror what was done in person. With

regard to remote instruction, Bill said they will continue with what worked in the spring and eliminate what didn't. Becky Wing stated that the new Learning Management system allows for teachers to interact more with students. Dana Buckley requested more peer interaction for those participating in remote learning. Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve researching offering a remote option in addition to in-school instruction so families who may not be comfortable sending their child to school could have that option. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried. Becky Wing will send out a survey tomorrow morning. Bill Rearick stated that health and safety protocols are being drafted. He said how they start school may look very different as the year progresses. They will be watching the school and regional numbers and will act appropriately. The Board will meet again on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

School Calendar

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the revised calendar as presented. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Facilities Projects

Matt Woodrow stated that after years of deferred maintenance, they are starting to get some work done. He said the parking lot looks great. Becky Wing said work next week will include middle school wing windows, main office window, wifi, and cameras.

NEW BUSINESS

Instructional Time Schedule

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley to approve the Instructional Time Schedule as presented. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

School Start Time

Becky Wing presented three options for busing. They will be included in these minutes. She said she will contact the New Morning Program after the Board makes their decision on which option to choose. The board reviewed each option.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Dana Buckley, to choose Option A as presented. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

School Sports

The Board reviewed the recommendations by the president of Tri-County Athletics but took no action as they wanted more information derived from the survey.

Manifest Approval

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the July 24, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$97,716.99. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the August 6, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$228,900.66. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Bill Rearick asked the Board if they would be comfortable with his sending out the draft health protocols to parents over the weekend. They agreed, as long as it was clearly marked as a draft.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Resident Jen Flores stated her biggest concern is curriculum for home schooling.

Resident Miriam Wilcox suggested that surveys include videos and that remote learning is a luxury for many families. She asked if a teacher, who experiences childcare issues, could have their child educated in Candia. Bill Rearick said there might be some discussion at a later date.

Resident Vanessa Tancrede asked why some students are allowed 3' distance while others must be 6'.

Becky Wing stated that state standards dropped the minimum to 3', but because of the Moore School population, the younger students can maintain 6'.

Resident Kevin Delongchamps asked what space was available last fall, to which Becky Wing stated that would be difficult to answer as configurations of desks in classrooms differed.

Resident Eric Young stated that there has been a 40% increase in COVID-19 cases in children.

Samantha Ondzes asked if face shields would be an option and what protocols are in place for those who are sick. She requested remote learning to include more than a short video of instruction.

Resident Crystal Clock stated that homeschooling does not allow for special education services. Bill Rearick stated that all special education services will be provided to those in-school and remote learning. However,

he said it is a legal issue for those being homeschooled requesting special education services. Remote learning and homeschooling differ.

Resident Lori Otis asked if parents must drop off twice if their children are on a different start time from one another. Becky Wing stated that they would.

Resident Danielle Robideau asked if those who cough as a result of asthma or allergies would be required to leave school. Bill Rearick stated that those with chronic health issues such as asthma or allergies that do not show new symptoms would not be sent home.

Resident Kelly Espinola advocated for the hardworking teachers, and requested administration not to ask them to do both in-session and remote teaching. Bill Rearick stated that no teacher would be asked to teach both in session and remotely.

Bill Rearick said if the infection rate increases in Candia and surrounding towns, increasing the number of students and teacher absenteeism, they will shut down when appropriate.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 Section II (a-k) (if necessary)

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to enter into a non-public session RSA 91-A:3 Section II c.

A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into a public session at 8:21 p.m.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to seal the minutes in perpetuity. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Dana Buckley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. A poll vote was taken, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Cafetorium.

There will be an SAU Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Media Center in Hooksett.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Recording Secretary