

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING (ZOOM)**

**These minutes have not been approved.**

Matt Woodrow, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A roll call was taken for the Board members in attendance. Those attending remotely were Board members Mark Chalbeck, Stephanie Helmig, Dana Buckley, and Kristina Ickes. Also in attendance were Principal, Becky Wing, Assistant Principal, Johnathon Banks, Director of Student Services, Kathryn Duncan, and Technology Director, Chris Jamrog; Superintendent, William (Bill) Rearick, Business Administrator, Amy Ransom, and Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak.

Matt Woodrow led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

Matt Woodrow read 'A Checklist To Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The Right-to- Know Law During The State Of Emergency'.

All votes taken were poll votes, and were unanimous.

Matt Woodrow explained the reason the Board meeting was being held remotely was because of space limitations. He said both Media Center and Cafetorium were both full of equipment and furniture. He said they hope to meet in person for the August meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Re-Entry to School Draft Plan**

Matt explained that this meeting was to follow up discussions regarding the three re-entry to school plans previously presented to the Board by Superintendent Rearick and the committee. Matt said though they may use one or all options during the year, the Board must make a decision which plan to start with on day one. He acknowledged the Board was in receipt of a letter from the CEA, and appreciated their position, but that the overwhelming majority of parents want their kids back into school. He said teachers are critical and essential. Considerable discussion ensued relative to wearing masks. Stephanie Helmig asked for clarification whether masks would be mandatory or not. Bill Rearick said in unique cases, students would have to wear masks if they can't social distance. Administration will work with families to make accommodations when necessary. Dana Buckley wanted language to state 'at no time will a child be required to wear a mask'. Mark Chalbeck stated that masks should be encouraged by not required. Matt Woodrow stated that the at the state level masks are not required, but it's up to individual school districts who have to be careful because of the possibility of having to deal with situations where a child can't or a family is strongly opposed to mask wearing. It is the expectation, but they need room for situations where they can't be worn. Matt Woodrow asked Superintendent Rearick if a family is not comfortable, will they have the option to remote learn, to which Mr. Rearick stated teachers can't do 'double-duty' and they don't have the manpower to do both face-to-face and remote learning. Matt asked if any new information has been provided, to which Mr. Rearick stated that Dr. Chan has sent some guidance which will be forwarded to each Board.

Speaking of the three plans previously presented, Dana Buckley stated that most parents feel that Plan B (hybrid) would be the most disruptive. Matt Woodrow stated that he is hearing the same thing. Matt said that the New Morning Program is willing to have both before and after school sessions, but they would need at least 15 participants. They would follow the same safety protocols as the Moore School. When asked if IEP's could be followed in the different plans, Kathryn Duncan stated that no matter what plan, the IEP would be followed; it is a stand-alone document. Matt Woodrow stated that no matter which plan is

implemented, not everyone will be happy, but the decision will be made based on what the community wants.

Bill Rearick stated each plan is still a work in progress as it continues to be a fluid situation. They want to do what is best for the students, while mitigating the spread of the virus.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to have administration implement Plan A for the start of school. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Dana Buckley stated it would be great to be able to do a remote option.

Bill Rearick said they will be sending out Plan A and another survey to parents next week.

Matt Woodrow thanked the committee for their efforts on each plan.

### **Policy AC-Second Reading/Adoption**

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve Policy AC as presented for a second reading/adoption. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion ensued relative to training for staff and changes to the calendar as necessary.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley to change from a daily calendar to an hourly calendar, to accommodate for professional development for teachers. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020**

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

#### **Manifest of June 30, 2020**

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the June 30, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$593,726.78. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

#### **Manifest of July 9, 2020**

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the July 9, 2020 manifest in the amount of \$52,237.56. A poll vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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

Not needed

Stephanie Helmig asked for the committee to revisit Plan B to see if they can make it more parent-friendly.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center, or remotely as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy  
Recording Secretary