

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021
5:00 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 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Dana Buckley, Stephanie Helmig and Mark Chalbeck (5:05pm). Kristina Ickes joined via telephone. Also in attendance was Principal, Becky Wing, Assistant Principal, John Banks; Director of Student Services, Kathryn Duncan; Technology Director, Chris Jamrog, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, 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.

LIAISON

Pinkerton Liaison, Madison Butters, updated the Board on activities at Pinkerton which included:

- Mid Term Progress Reports
- Veteran's Day Breakfast
- Winter Sports Try-Outs
- Stockbridge Theater Events
- Sophomore Semi-Formal

MINUTES

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the November 4, 2021 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the sealed, non-public minutes of November 4, 2021 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken. With Kristina Ickes abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick reported that the volunteer COVID testing program is scheduled to begin on Monday. He said the three clinics that were held well attended. He also said that the Candia Police have identified those who vandalized the playground. Restitution will be made.

Matt Woodrow said that the facilities committee plans on meeting in the near future.

Stephanie Helmig said the budget committee continues to meet and will meet with the board after this meeting.

REPORTS

Administrator's Reports were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals

Goals were reviewed.

FY 2022/2023 School Budget

Amy Ransom gave updates on the budget as she received rates for both health care and Pinkerton tuition.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the updated 2022/2023 school district budget in the amount of \$9,897.991. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried. Considerable discussion ensued relative to whether or not to add warrant articles to the ballot Dana Buckley stated that he would like to see a warrant article to address facilities repairs. Matt Woodrow said he was concerned with doing so as the town will have a high ticket item on the ballot. Dana said they must maintain the facility. Matt said they have done more in the past few years than in the past 20 years. Mark Chalbeck suggested putting it off a year, to which Matt said next year the town may be going for a bond. Mark Chalbeck said the 25 year roof is on its 27th year. Mark said he would be in favor of a warrant article. Amy Ransom said the Board could consider a warrant article to add to the maintenance fund. Bill Rearick told the Board to keep in mind that costs will continue to rise. Matt Woodrow said he was concerned that if the Board put on a warrant article for facility repair, they would run the risk of the budget committee cutting the operating budget. Dana Buckley suggested having a public forum on facilities next year. Bill Rearick stated that the budget committee inquired if local school districts could absorb Candia students. Bill said there is no room in either Auburn or Hooksett for K-5. He said Hooksett might be able to take the middle schoolers. He said if this were to happen, Candia would still have to maintain the Moore School, pay tuition to Hooksett, pay special education costs, and possibly incur additional transportation fees.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to create a warrant article to replenish the maintenance Trust Fund in the amount of \$300,000 to be funded by taxation. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Custodial Rate of Pay

Bill Rearick stated this was a carry-over item and some discussion ensued relative to food service and custodial salaries.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley to increase the current food service part-time position to \$15.00. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck to increase the starting salary of the food service department to \$13.00 an hour. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck to make the temporary custodial pay increase permanent. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to increase the starting custodial rate of pay to \$13.00. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Recording of Board Meetings

Chris Jamrog presented the Board with an option of audio recording of Board meetings. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

2022/2023 Draft School Calendar

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the proposed 2022/2023 school calendar. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck to approve the 11/8/21-12/3/21 manifest in the amount of \$548,593.65. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried. The expenditure and revenue reports were in the packet for review.

POLICIES

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig to accept the second reading/adoption of Policy JICD (Student Discipline and Due Process) as presented. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to accept the first reading of Policies BIA New Board Member Orientation, CCB Line and Staff Relations, CF School Building Administration, CFA Individual School Administration/Personnel, and CH Policy Implementation. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley to accept the co-curricular nominations as presented. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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Jason Gustin asked the Board if they would consider reducing the 20% to 10% (*active cases trending upward by 20% or more for a 3 day period*) from the response plan due to the increasing numbers of positive cases.. He also asked Bill Rearick if the other SAU towns had the same language in their plans, to which Bill stated that they don't have the 20% language. He added that both Auburn and Hooksett are currently observing a mask requirement, and that both will most likely need to continue doing so for an additional week. Mr. Gustin asked if the 20% mark is keeping Candia from a mask requirement and would the Board reconsider removing it. Matt Woodrow stated that the Board would not be addressing this tonight.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 Section II c

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II c. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered into a public session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the CEA COVID 19 MOU as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Enrollments

Warrant Articles-Adoption and who will speak to them

School District Moderator and Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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, January 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
Recording Secretary