

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Those in attendance were Board members Stephanie Helmig, Mark Chalbeck, Dana Buckley, and Kristina Ickes (6:04 p.m.). Also in attendance were Principal, Becky Wing, Assistant Principal, John Banks; Director of Student Services, Kathryn Duncan; 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.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mike Tossell (North Road) spoke to the Right to Freedom in Education Law and said that teachers should not instruct in an inappropriate or divisive manner. Matt Woodrow stated that Moore School teachers stick to academics.

James Baum (High St.) asked if the Moore School would keep with the same health protocols as last year amid new guidances, to which Matt Woodrow said this subject will be discussed later in the meeting as it is on the agenda.

MINUTES

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the retreat minutes. With Stephanie Helmig abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to approve the July 1, 2021 meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the sealed, non-public meeting minutes of July 1, 2021, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the July 22, 2021 meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of July 22, 2021, and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Snow Day/Remote Learning

After some discussion on snow/cancellation days, motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to enter into remote learning on the 6th day after 5 snow/cancellation days, and the motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Projects Update

Becky Wing summarized the ongoing and upcoming facilities projects. She stated that the only thing that won't be completed is the 2nd floor window replacements as there will need to be an abatement due to asbestos. Interior signage will be updated. She said the cause of the water leak was identified and that it has been repaired.

Reopening Plan Update

Bill Rearick stated that last year guidance was taken from a number of agencies, but that they relied most heavily on the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as they are the most local. He said that the most recent update from the DHHS was on July 22, and as of right now, masks will be optional everywhere but on the buses. Becky Wing added that the plan is for inclusion of more kids in school and described changes to close contact criteria. Ms. Wing said she is still waiting for clarification from DHHS and will keep abreast of any changes in guidelines. Bill Rearick stated that masks are not

optional on buses because of the CDC Order which mandates mask wearing on all conveyances (bus, train, etc.), and that the Moore School will not tolerate 'mask-shaming'.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the revised Reopening Plan for 2021/2022 as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Instructional Time Schedule

Becky Wing presented three options for the 2021/2022 Henry W. Moore School start times and explained each. She said she preferred the two options which allows for more purposeful and daily instructional time. Dana Buckley stated that, though he preferred all students arriving at once (as opposed to a staggered start time), he has heard from a number of parents concerned about not being able to drop off their children early and preferred the third option. Considerable discussion ensued. When asked if the New Morning Program would be available, Becky said it would be, if at least 15 families were interested. Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve Option A of the Henry W. Moore School 2021/2022 Start Times as presented. With Dana Buckley opposed, all others in favor, the motion carried.

Becky Wing presented the Instructional Time Schedule which corresponded with the newly adopted start times.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the Instructional Time Schedule for 2021/2022 as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Handbook Changes

John Banks reviewed the changes to the handbook.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the 2021/2022 handbook changes as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the June 11, 2021 manifest in the amount of 442,667.38, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the June 14, 2021-July 9, 2021 manifest in the amount of 502,297.49, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the July 12, 2021-August 6, 2021 manifest in the amount of 162,806.20, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Co-Curricular Nominations

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the Co-Curricular nominations as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the second reading/adoption of Policy JICK (Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention-Bullying) as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Matt Woodrow stated that he received an email from the Budget Committee and Select Board asking how much the school district is getting for COVID relief and how it will be spent. Matt explained that Candia didn't get much as it is based on free and reduced lunch numbers, but that those funds would pay for filter upgrades for the HVAC system.

Bill Rearick stated that he is unaware of anyone teaching or promoting Critical Race Theory, and if parents are concerned to contact Principal Wing.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kelly Espinola (Merrill Road) suggested that parents be notified immediately as to the change in the start time at HMS. She said it is the parent's responsibility to find before-school child care and it is the school's responsibility is for their education.

Mike Tossell thanked the Board for giving the option of wearing masks. He said people must stop doing what feels right and to do what evidence shows. He stressed that the Board be very clear with mask expectations if the situation changes.

Kristy Lawton (Merrill Road) stated she appreciated the same start times for all students and that it is the parent's responsibility to find child care for students before school.

Dana Buckley asked Bill Rearick what the reopening plan for Pinkerton was, to which Bill stated that he hasn't heard anything official yet.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A 3 SECTION II (a-k) –if necessary

No need.

INFORMATIONAL/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

CESPA

New Staff Meet and Greet (5:30 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center. A New Staff Meet and Greet will precede the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

There will be an SAU Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
Recording Secretary