

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022
6:00 P.M.
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Board Chair, Matt Woodrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Dana Buckley, Mark Chalbeck, Kristina Ickes, and Stephanie Helmig. Also in attendance was Principal, Becky Wing, Director of Student Services, Kathryn Duncan; Superintendent, William (Bill) Rearick and Assistant Superintendent, Marge Polak.

Kristina Ickes led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II a & I at 6:01 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board resumed their public session at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to send a letter to the bus company as presented and discussed in non-public session, and the motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to increase the Food Service Director's salary to \$40,000 effective 7/1/22, and the motion carried unanimously.

FUND BALANCE/PROJECTS

The Board reviewed the expenditure report and discussed the fund balance amount and possible projects. Bill Rearick said that per the security review, items the Board should consider safety upgrades. Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve \$30,000 for security upgrades, and the motion carried unanimously.

Kristina Ickes asked if there was a social media monitor, to which Matt Woodrow responded that there is an agent on school devices which picks up on keywords.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve putting any remaining fund balance in a contingency fund for facilities repairs as approved in the March warrant article and the motion carried unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY

Bill Rearick said they have been thinking of ways to best to service the technology department in the absence of a full time director. Dan Roma and Sebastian Boisseau, Hooksett's Technology Director and technician, respectively, currently assist in Candia as needed. At their next meeting, the Board will consider hiring Mr. Roma as a consultant at his per diem rate.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Tabled until the August Board meeting

FACILITIES UPDATE

Bill Rearick updated the Board on EEI progress. Work will begin on June 20.

PLAN/RESOLUTION FOR TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Discussed in non-public session.

STAFF SHORTAGE CONCERNS

Bill Rearick stated that we are still following medical plan as recommended by the NH Department of Health and Human Services. Becky Wing is aware of 16 people being out tomorrow.

Bill gave Becky kudos for her efforts.

CONTINUED COVID-19 TEST RESULTS REQUESTED TO FAMILIES BY THE SCHOOL

Matt Woodrow asked if we are still requiring negative test results to which Becky Wing said yes, depending on symptoms (headache/fever/runny or stuffy nose). They can either test at school or at home.

OTHER TOPICS

Stephanie Helmig said she was interested in Auburn's Strategic Planning process and in Hooksett's Board 'coffee' at schools.

Bill Rearick said that a strategic plan can be very valuable and would recommend a 3-year plan as opposed to a 5-year plan. He said it would begin with a leadership committee and then teachers and parents could work on goals. The Board will discuss strategic planning and Board 'Meet and Greet' at their August meeting.

Dana Buckley spoke to a recent presentation in Hooksett which was said to be inappropriate. Bill Rearick stated that the presenter misrepresented themselves, was not condoned by school officials, and that the issue was addressed immediately. Parents were informed, and the company will no longer be used at SAU #15. Bill said from this point on, a synopsis of all presentations will be required.

Discussion ensued relative to having a school resource officer. Bill Rearick stated that the purpose of an SRO is to build relationships with students and not one of a security guard. Mike McGillen will be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
Recording Secretary