

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM**

These minutes have not been approved.

Board Chair, Matt Woodrow opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Dana Buckley, Stephanie Helmig, Mark Chalbeck, and Kristina Ickes. Also in attendance was Principal Becky Wing, Assistant Principal Dorothy Franchini, Director of Student Services Stacey Eaton, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, and Business Administrator, Cory Izbicki.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Becky Wing introduced the Henry W. Moore Co-Ed Soccer Team members, who led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

MINUTES

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Kristina Ickes to approve the October 5, 2023 meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of October 5, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

EAGLE SCOOT PRESENTATION

Ethan McKenna made a brief presentation of his proposed Eagle project of revitalizing the Noon-Durgin Children's Garden.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to accept the proposed Eagle Scout project work on the Noon-Durgin Children's Garden, and the motion carried unanimously. Because the property is being leased by the Gosselin's, they will be notified.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Bill Rearick said that Pinkerton's Fall Meeting was being held tonight and that the tuition increase is expected to be between 5-7%.

REPORTS

Principal's Report

Becky Wing's report was in the packet for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Streaming Meetings

Dan Roma presented his findings on streaming meetings and gave examples of a few options such as permanent or portable units. Discussion ensued. Dan will reach out to other vendors for quotes and will update the Board when more information is gathered.

NEW BUSINESS

Goals

The goals were in the packet for review.

CEA Contract

Bill Rearick stated that he met with the CEA who agreed to the Board's proposal of a 2% increase in year 2 and another increase in year 3 for a total of \$97,211. This will go on the ballot as a warrant article upon Board approval.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to accept the CEA agreement as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Exit Survey Review

Copies of the exit surveys were presented to the Board. Some discussion ensued relative to the language used in survey questions.

Barn Lease Agreement Renewal

Bill Rearick said that the barn lease has expired and asked the Board if they wanted to extend it until June 2024.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to renew the lease of the barn until June 2024, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

2024/2025 Budget

Bill Rearick stated the drivers of the budget are the addition of the kindergarten position, the long-term building substitute and the addition of a social worker position. Considerable discussion ensued. The Board will meet again to discuss the budget and related warrant articles on Monday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Moore School Media Center.

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was reviewed.

Manifest Approval

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the 10/6/23-11/2/23 manifest in the amount of \$690,732.82, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies AC Non-Discrimination, CB School Superintendent, GBAA and JBAA Sexual Harassment (Employee) (Student), GBEAB Code of Conduct Reporting, GBJA/GBJA-R Health Insurance Portability, IJOA-R Request for Field Trip, JICI-R Modification of a Weapon Expulsion, KED Grievance Procedure, JCA Change of School or Assignment were in the packet for a second reading.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the second reading/adoption of the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Resident Carol Batchelder spoke to a proposed social worker position, saying she would be in favor of it, or of the addition of some type of resource for families who may need assistance.

Resident Amanda Ciofalo spoke to her concern with a bus driver. She will contact the Superintendent via email who will follow up with the appropriate party(ies).

INFORMATIONAL/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Draft Calendar

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy
Recording Secretary