

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023  
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

**These minutes have 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, Director of Student Services Stacey Eaton, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, and Business Administrator, Cory Izbicki.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Becky Wing introduced 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Drake Biron, who led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the November 2, 2023 meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the November 13, 2023 meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the non-public, sealed meeting minutes of November 13, 2023, and the motion carried unanimously.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No participation.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES**

Bill Rearick said the budget committee didn't approve the proposed operating budget, but did approve the default budget (7-1). He also said the DOE approved the window replacements.

**REPORTS**

**Principal's Report**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**24/25 Budget**

Cory Izbicki handed out updated budgets, showing a change of -\$460 from the budget presented to the budget committee. Some discussion ensued relative to the budget committee's review of the school district budget. Because the current kindergarten teacher, the building substitute, and the reading specialist positions were not in the default budget, Stephanie Helmig explained the process by which a member of the community could go about increasing the amount of the operating budget for the warrant article at the deliberative session. She said an adjusted amount wouldn't necessarily be recommended by the budget committee, but the general public may go for it. The Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the HMS gymnasium. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the school district operating budget for the 2024/2025 school year in the amount of \$10,749,245, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Warrant Articles**

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the warrant articles as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Goals**

The goals were in the packet for review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**½ Day Professional Development Proposal**

Bill spoke to a meeting he had with Becky Wing and the CEA requesting four, ½ day professional days of 1/12/24, 2/23/24, 4/19/24 and 5/24/24.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve four, ½ day professional days as requested and presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **State Funding Legal Decision**

Bill Rearick summarized the state funding legal decision.

#### **Field Trip Request**

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to approve the field trip to Lowell, MA as requested and presented and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Wellness Committee**

Dana Buckley stated that he is the Board representative on the Wellness Committee, but cannot make the meeting times. Dana asked if another Board member could fill in for him, or if a committee representative could update the Board after each meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to get an update from a Wellness Committee member.

### **FINANCIAL**

#### **Expenditure Report**

The expenditure report was reviewed.

#### **Manifest Approval**

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$524,893.00, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **POLICIES**

Policies ACN Nursing Mothers Accommodations, GBCD Background Investigation, GCCBC FMLA, BEDG Meeting Minutes, and EBCC School Threats were in the packet for a first reading.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Matt Woodrow, to approve the first of the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Matt Woodrow summarized a letter he received from Dr. Nevious, President of the Board of Trustees at Pinkerton Academy. The letter, sent to all sending towns Board Chairs, offered a 'one-time opportunity for an open discussion about possible adjustments to the sending town contracts', which all Chairs must unanimously agree to. Matt said he will attend the meeting and report back to the Board.

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **Co-Curricular Nominations**

Motion by Dana Buckley,, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the co-curricular nominations as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Resident Carol Batchelder asked for an update on the video equipment request. Bill Rearick it will be on the January agenda. Carol asked if there were any ideas to support staff in lieu of a social worker position and asked if the district would consider having local college majors assist teachers at the Moore School.

Resident Jason Gustin, referring to rising special education costs in Auburn and Hooksett, asked Bill Rearick if he felt a social worker could potentially help with unidentified kids, to which Bill said he didn't think it would be a direct benefit. Mr. Gustin asked how much of an increase to the budget would cover the items not in the default budget, to which Cory Izbicki responded \$275,000.

Resident Amanda Ciofalo asked if each district has its own health care provider. Bill Rearick said the entire SAU uses the same carrier and gets a better rate due to the total number of participants, but that each district has their own budgets and collective bargaining agreements.

Dana Buckley asked how the buses are doing, to which Bill Rearick stated they are doing well in Auburn and Candia, but that Hooksett is still struggling.

### **INFORMATIONAL/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

Pinkerton Late Start Committee Information

Next meeting-Invite School District's Moderator and Clerk

Draft 2024/2025 Calendar

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Matt Woodrow, seconded by Dana Buckley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on January 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy  
Recording Secretary