

CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 6, 2025
Henry W. Moore School Media Center

These minutes have been approved.

CALL to ORDER

Stephanie Helmig, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were Board members Dana Buckley, Kristina Ickes, Mark Chalbeck, and Merideth Wilson (6:11 p.m.). Also in attendance was Moore School Principal, Becky Wing, Assistant Principal Dorothy Franchini, and Director of Student Services, Stacey Eaton. Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent, Kimberly Sarfde, Business Administrator Cheryl DiGennaro,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Becky Wing introduced 6th graders, Lasailley Martin and Corinne Tracy, 1st and 2nd place finishers, respectively, in the Radon Poster competition, who led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON

Rebecca Gill updated the Board as to Pinkerton events which included:

- o Caberet (tonight)
- o Mr. Pinkerton 3/14
- o Spring Musical: All Shook Up 3/21-23
- o Girls' Basketball team hopes to be in Final 4
- o Senior Citizen's Prom

MINUTES

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025 Board meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the non-public minutes of the February 17, 2025 Board meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

Stephanie Helmig thanked Kristina Ickes for her 9 years on the Candia School Board. Bill Rearick echoed Stephanie's sentiments, thanking Kristina for her time and expertise.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Dana Buckley, to move discussion of Project Safeguard up on the agenda, and the motion carried unanimously.

Becky Wing introduced Celeste Clarke, Raymond Coalition Youth Director at Project Safeguard, who gave a brief presentation of what Project Safeguard has to offer.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Dana Buckley, to accept the offer from the Raymond Coalition of Project Safeguard for Candia's participation in the May 16 Project Safeguard event, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

The administrator's reports were in the packet for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Heating Update (if available)

Mark Chalbeck reported that the Facilities Committee met. He said because the current heating system is a proprietary (Schneider) system it must be exclusively serviced by them or one of their representatives. A new system would cost \$25,000 - \$35,000. The Board will revisit this topic at their annual retreat.

Parent Kindergarten Request-Policy JEB

This will be discussed in a non-public session

Field Trip Funding

After some discussion, it was the Board's consensus to go over field trip budget lines.

Pinkerton Start Time Survey

Bill Rearick explained that the chart in the packet reflects how Pinkerton changing their start time would affect the Candia Moore School buses and the Board discussed Pinkerton's request to send out a survey to parents. Some discussion ensued.

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to allow the Pinkerton Start Time Survey to be sent to residents, and the motion carried unanimously.

Field Trip

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the Field Trip request to Boda Borg in Malden, MA as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Manifest Approvals

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$376,314.47, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies JQ Student Fees, Fines and Charges, KEB Public complaints about Personnel, KI Visitors to the Schools and LDA Student Teaching were in the packet for a second reading/adoption. Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the policies second reading/adoption, and the motion carried unanimously.

Policies BCA Code of Conduct, CHCA Approval of Handbooks and Directives, CM School District Annual Report, GBJ Personnel Records, IF Instructional Approach, IH Instructional Programs, IKA Grading System and JLCA Physical Exams of Students were in the packet for a first reading. Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the first reading of the policies, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Resident Sam Martin (Chester Turnpike), asked the Board to be cognizant about going over the preventative maintenance contract because doing so can become costly.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A 3 Section II (a - I) (if necessary)

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section c. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board re-entered their public session at 6:53 p.m.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to grant a waiver of Candia School District Policy JEB to the Tremblay family, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tremblay asked if they would have to be before the Board again next year, to which Bill Rearick stated they would not.

ADJOURNMENT

For her last act as a Candia School Board member, motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meetings will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca SJ McCarthy, Recording Secretary