

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 2, 2025**  
**Henry W. Moore School Media Center**

These minutes have not been approved.

**CALL to ORDER**

Stephanie Helmig, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.  
Those in attendance were Board members, Kristina Ickes, Merideth Wilson and Mark Chalbeck. Also in attendance was Assistant Superintendent, Kimberly Sarfde, Moore School Principal, Becky Wing, and Director of Student Services, Stacey Eaton.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Stacey Eaton led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Proof of posting was provided.

**PINKERTON LIAISON**

Rebecca Gill updated the Board as to events in December and January which included:

- Winter Play
- Inspection of Jr. ROTC (exceptional rating)
- Soccer, Football and Cross-Country teams are Champions
- Course Showcase
- Social Studies building is now open for ACT and NECC programs
- Exams
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Preview

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR AND CLERK**

Clark Thyng and Jennifer Maurice, School District Moderator and Clerk, respectively, were in attendance to review the warrant articles for the upcoming Deliberative Session #1. Stephanie Helmig will motion each article and Mark Chalbeck will second. Discussion ensued relative to the budget committee's requested 3% reduction in the prior year's default budget.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Board meeting. With Kristina Ickes abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No participation.

**REPORTS**

The Superintendent's and Assistant Superintendent's report were reviewed.  
Becky Wing said the Winter Wellness Fair will be held on January 30. She also said Board meetings will be streaming starting in February.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2024-2025 Budget**

No further discussion.

**Goals**

Goals will be on upcoming agendas.

**School Choice Discussion**

Discussion about school choice will be on the February agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2025-2026 Draft Calendar**

The 2025/2026 draft school calendar was reviewed.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the 25/26 school calendar as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **Expenditure Report**

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

### **Manifest Approvals**

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$669,869.05, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **2025-2026 Budget**

Stephanie Helmig stated that the budget committee voted for a reduction of over \$384,000 to the default budget. Mark Chalbeck stated that the budget committee Chair was not in favor of the reduction.

## **POLICIES**

Policies AC-R Non-Discrimination Annual Notice of Contact Information, ADB/BGEC Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools, ADC/JICG, GBED Tobacco Products Ban-Use and Possession in School Facilities in and on Grounds, IHBA and IHBA-R Programs for Pupils with Disabilities, ACF Food and Nutrition Services Anti-Discrimination and Civil Rights Complaints, JLP Parental Notification of and Student Welfare, and JI Students Rights and Responsibilities were in the packet for a second reading/adoption. Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

No participation.

## **INFORMATIONAL/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

Deliberative Session #1 at 6:00 p.m. on February 6, 2025.

Robotics competition in Springfield, VT on January 12, 2025.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meetings will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center, prior to Deliberative Session #1.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca SJ McCarthy, Recording Secretary