

CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 17, 2025 –Postponed from 2/6/25
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, Merideth Wilson and Mark Chalbeck. Also in attendance was Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent, Kimberly Sarfde, Business Administrator Cheryl DiGennaro, Moore School Principal, Becky Wing, and Director of Student Services, Stacey Eaton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stephanie Helmig 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 events in December and January which included:

- Pep Rally
- Winter Dance
- Milli Vanilli contest
- National Technology Honor Society Induction
- Random Act of Kindness
- Concert (3/6/25)
- Musical 'All Shook Up'
- 'Mr. Pinkerton'
- New building is open

MINUTES

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2025 Board meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 Board meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2025 Board meeting. With Kristina Ickes abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Carol Batchelder, Raymond Road, asked Becky Wing how parents are supposed to park for the pick-up line. Becky will send an email with instructions to parents.

REPORTS

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

Bill Rearick stated that the Pinkerton Start Time Committee met and dropped the idea of a possible 9:00 a.m. start time, settling on 7:45 a.m. Pinkerton representatives asked if the Candia Board would survey their K-8 parents for their feedback if this change were to be considered. The Board will consider the survey at their March meeting. Any changes in start time will not be in effect until the 2026/2027 school year. Another consideration was to create a transportation consortium for sending districts for elementary through high school. The committee will meet again on April 23.

Becky Wing said they are moving forward with the K-8 NH School of Excellence Process.

Mark Chalbeck said the Facilities committee met.

OLD BUSINESS

2024-2025 Budget

Stephanie Helmig thanked those who reached out to her regarding the budget and thanked the public who supported the school at the Deliberative Session.

Goals

Goals were reviewed.

Heating Update

Bill Rearick said the Facilities committee met and discussed the most recent issue. He said the additional problem is with the lack of reporting – no notification is sent when there is a problem. Mark Chalbeck said they are looking to change vendors.

High School Choice

Stephanie Helmig said this has been on previous agendas, but because of language in the Pinkerton contract, Candia is only allowed to send 5% of its high schoolers to a school other than Pinkerton. If there is a documented hardship, the Superintendent can determine if another school would be in the best interest of a child.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Dana Buckley, to add discussion of field trips to the agenda, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to add discussion on the CESPAs, and the motion carried unanimously.

Becky Wing stated there is only \$500 for field trips. Because the Board doesn't want families to spend over \$8 for field trips currently, she asked if they would raise that number to \$15. Some discussion. It will be added to the March agenda for further discussion.

Bill Rearick stated that he met with the CESPAs representatives who requested that the last day for students be the last day for teachers for the remainder of the contract.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Kristina Ickes to approve the MOU with the CESPAs, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Expenditure Report

The expenditure report was in the packet for review. Cheryl DiGenarro stated that after meeting with the special education team, the available balance is now \$294,682.67.

Manifest Approvals

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$1,601,953.22, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies JICE Student Publications, JIE Pregnant Students, JM Student Awards, JQ Student Fees, Fines and Charges, KED Public complaints about Personnel, KI Visitors to the Schools, LDA Student Teaching, and LK Legislative Rep were in the packet for a first reading.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to eliminate policies JICE, JIE, JM and LK and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to approve policies JQ, KEB, KI and LDA for a first reading, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A 3 Section II (a & c) (Superintendent's Evaluation)

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Kristina Ickes, to enter into a non-public session at 6:42 p.m. A roll-call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public session at 6:55 p.m.

Items for the next agenda will include:

Board Scholarship

Project Safeguard

Field Trips

Survey Discussion

Heating Update (if possible)

Merideth Wilson said that all three Henry W. Moore School Robotics teams made it to the states competition which will be held at the Manchester Community College on March 9.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Dana Buckley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

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

The SAU Board will meet on February 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the David R. Cawley Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca SJ McCarthy, Recording Secretary