

CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 22, 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 5:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were Board members Dana Buckley, Merideth Wilson, Mark Chalbeck and Kristina Ickes (5:36 p.m.). Also in attendance was Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent Kimberly Sarfde, Business Administrator Cheryl DiGennaro, Principal Becky Wing, Assistant Principal Dorothy Franchini 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.

FINANCIAL

25/26 Budget

Discussion ensued relative to the Board's operational budget for 25/26. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how to best present at the budget committee meeting which will be held after tonight's School Board meeting. The expectation is that the budget committee will be making over \$300,000 in cuts.

Bill Rearick reviewed the drivers of the budget that are contractual such as salary, medical/dental, life/ltd, compensation rates, NH Retirement System, high school tuition and special education/transportation.

Dana Buckley stated that some budget committee members do not understand the difference between budget and expenditures, and some questioned the cost per student calculation. Bill Rearick explained that the cost per pupil is based on average daily membership per the NH Department of Education. Discussion ensued relative to the Assistant Principal position. Becky Wing stated that though enrollment is low, the Henry W. Moore School serves K-8 students and there is a serious need for an Assistant Principal to assist in the varied ages/grade level students. Becky also stated that Ms. Franchini has been nominated for Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year.

When asked what the current available balance is, Cheryl DiGennaro stated it is \$171,983.31.

The Board continued discussions on items to consider cutting to accommodate the budget committee's reductions, and on how that committee is making cuts to other town budgets as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kristina Ickes, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 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