

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026 5:00 P.M.
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Board Chair, Stephanie Helmig opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Merideth Wilson, Dana Buckley, Mark Chalbeck and Heather Tremblay. Also in attendance was Principal Becky Wing, Assistant Principal Dorothy Franchini, Director of Special Education Stacey Eaton, School Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, and Business Administrator Cindy Bourgeault.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stephanie Helmig led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Stephanie Helmig opened the public hearing to accept a financial donation.

MINUTES

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the School Board meeting minutes of January 6, 2026, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the School Board meeting minutes of January 21, 2026, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

REPORTS

Reports of the Administrators were reviewed.

Bill Rearick stated that he has reached out the New Morning about renewing the contract. Bill said he will be at a conference next week for three days.

Becky Wing explained what is happening with the heating issues. The Board will review the Turner report at their March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2026/2027 school calendar was reviewed.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the 2026/2027 school calendar as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Manifest Approval

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve manifest in the amount of \$616,340.76, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies JFAA Admission of Resident Student, IGAAs Therapy Animals, IMAH Daily Physical Activity, JLCF Wellness, JLIA Supervision of Students, EBBB Accident Reports, ECA Building and Grounds Security, IJO/KA School, Community and Home Relations, JC Assignment of Students to Classes, JHC Student Release Precautions, JLC School Health Services, JLD School Guidance & Counseling, DJF Vendor Relations, and DAF Administration of Federal Grants were reviewed for a second reading.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Heather Tremblay and the motion carried unanimously.

First Reading Policies* BEDG Minutes, DBI Budget Implementation, JKAA Use of Restraints and Seclusion, EEAEA Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing, JGG Physical Restraint, and JIA Student Due Process were reviewed for a first reading.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Merideth Wilson and the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Helmig closed the public hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to accept the financial food service donation of \$5,036.29 by the Candia Welfare Department, and motion carried unanimously.

Merideth Wilson summarized some of the fundraising efforts which included concession stand, 50/50, and popcorn sales. Merideth asked why non-HMS students are not allowed to attend the Washington DC trip, to which Becky Wing stated that she would be uncomfortable sending her staff to chaperone students they are unfamiliar with and have no knowledge of, especially overnight and so far away from family. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

Stephanie Helmig stated that at the last meeting, the Board members present unanimously agreed to send a letter to the budget committee after having the attorney review it. Since then, there has been no formal response.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on March 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

The SAU Board will meet on February 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Village School.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Board Recording Secretary

These minutes have not been approved.

7:40 P.M.

Those in attendance were Board members Stephanie Helmig, Dana Buckley, Mark Chalbeck and Heather Tremblay. Also in attendance was School Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick.

The Board met to vote on the warrant articles amended during the Deliberative Session.

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approved the amendment made to Article #2, increasing the operating budget from \$11,585,787 to 11,833,313, and the motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the amendment made to Article #4, increasing the percentage from 3% to 15%, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Rearick

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