

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 6:00 P.M.
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Board Chair, Stephanie Helmig opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Merideth Wilson, Dana Buckley, Mark Chalbeck and Heather Tremblay. Also in attendance was Principal Becky Wing, Director of Special Education Stacey Eaton, School Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Interim Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings and Business Administrator Cindy Bourgeault.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eighth grader Max Foti led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

MINUTES

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the School Board meeting minutes of February 5, 2026, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Dana Buckley, to approve the School Board meeting and public hearing minutes of February 24, 2026. With Mark Chalbeck abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Henry W. Moore School student Gavin Wilson asked the Board to consider making a donation to the 8th grade Washington, DC trip. Merideth Wilson summarized the fundraising efforts. The Board will discuss this further under new business.

PINKERTON LIAISON

Rebecca Gill updated the Board on events at Pinkerton that included:

- Professional Learning Day
- Sports are wrapping up
- Boys Relay, Gymnastic team and JV are state champs
- Spring sports interest meeting was held
- Pinkerton Players
- Mr. Pinkerton
- Honor Society Induction

Bill Rearick introduced interim Assistant Superintendent, Heather Cummings to the Board.

REPORTS

Reports of the Administrators were reviewed.

Becky Wing reported that the volleyball team had their first match tonight against Chester and they won. She said 23 students are participating.

Stephanie Helmig took a moment to thank outgoing Board member Dana Buckley for the nine years he has spent on the Board, saying she's sad to see him go. Superintendent Rearick echoed Stephanie's sentiments, saying Dana will be missed. The Board presented Dana with a granite plaque.

OLD BUSINESS

SRO Report

Bill Rearick said he and Becky Wing met with (police) Chief Shevlin regarding the School Resource Officer (SRO) position. The district will be billed monthly by the Candia police department and the dedicated SRO will be at the Moore School 20 hours a week.

NEW BUSINESS

Facilities/Turner Report

The facilities committee will convene and will report out at the next meeting on items that have been addressed from the Turner Report.

Becky Wing reported that testing for lead is done every 6 months and that some outlets have been marked for handwashing only. The maintenance department is trying to determine the origin of the unacceptable lead levels and

will be conducting two wholly different tests to determine where potentially it is coming from. Once testing, faucet replacement, and any other items needed to rectify the situation are complete, the district will apply for a reimbursement grant.

Washington, DC Attendees

Merideth Wilson asked why students living in the district are not allowed to go on the Washington DC trip with the Candia students. Becky Wing reiterated that she has concerns with supervision; having her staff chaperoning students they do not know, whose parents are not nearby, on a multiple day, overnight trip.

Regarding the Washington DC trip, the Board considered donating to the fundraising efforts. Considerable discussion ensued.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck to split the cost of the DC trip with parents. There was no second on the motion.

Asked by resident Kate Knowles if all 8th graders would be participating, Becky Wing said there are usually a couple who choose not to. Bill Rearick reminded the Board that they donated to the VEX Robotics in the past.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig to donate \$100 per child to attend Washington DC. With Dana Buckley, Heather Tremblay and Stephanie Helmig voting yes, Mark Chalbeck voting no, and Merideth Wilson abstaining, the motion carried.

Assistant Superintendent Interview Committee

Bill Rearick said he sent out a memo looking for teacher volunteers too serve on the interview team. The SAU Board wished for a member of each of the three Boards to be on the committee as well. Merideth Wilson volunteered.

FINANCIAL

Manifest Approval

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve manifest in the amount of \$1,278,865.01, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Policies BEDG Minutes, DBI Budget Implementation, JKAA Use of Restraints and Seclusion, EEAEA Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing, JGG Physical Restraint (eliminate), and JIA Student Due Process (eliminate) were reviewed for a second reading.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the second reading/adoption of the policies as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

DJ Purchasing, EHAG Artificial Intelligence, DIE Audits, IHCA Summer Activities, EBB Safe Schools, JLC School Health Services, IMGAs Service Animals, JH Attendance, Absenteeism and Truancy, JICI Weapons on School Property, JLCK Special Physical Health of Students, IHCA Summer Activities and GCO Teacher Performance and Evaluation

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the first reading policies as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

Items for Next Agenda

Assessment Results

Facilities Report

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on April 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Board Recording Secretary