

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Superintendent Bill Rearick opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members Stephanie Helmig, Mark Chalbeck, Merideth Wilson, Heather Tremblay and Kate Knowles. Also in attendance was Principal Becky Wing, Director of Student Services Stacey Eaton and Interim Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings.

Stephanie Helmig led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

Bill Rearick stated that this meeting the Board was to reorganize and asked for nominations for Board Chair.

Motion by Heather Tremblay seconded by Merideth Wilson, to nominate Stephanie Helmig as Chair, and the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie then presided over the meeting.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Heather Tremblay, to nominate Merideth Wilson as Vice-Chair, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to nominate Heather Tremblay as Board Clerk, and the motion carried unanimously.

The sub-committee assignments were determined.

Rebecca Gill, the Board's liaison with Pinkerton Academy, updated the Board of events at Pinkerton which included:

- Early Release Day
- Astrothon
- Instrumental Concert
- Spring Art Show
- Spring Break is coming

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the Candia Board Minutes of March 5, 2026, as amended by changing 'Fodi' to 'Foti'. With Kate Knowles abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.

Public Participation

No participation

Superintendent's Updates

Bill Rearick stated that the School Resource Officer (SRO) will start on Monday. The SRO will work a 20 hour week at HMS.

The Administrator reports were reviewed.

Regarding Principal Wing's report, Stephanie Helmig congratulated all who were nominated as outstanding teachers and staff.

Old Business

Facilities Subcommittee Update

Becky Wing summarizes the Review of the 2018 Turner Group Assessment. Bill Rearick stated that they will get pricing, then they will prioritize items on the list to tend to. Bill said they also met with EEI to discuss doing an oil to propane conversion. Representatives from EEI will be invited to the May Board meeting. Bill suggested that the Board consider establishing an expendable trust fund for facilities.

New Business

Chromebook Purchase

Technology Director, Dylan Amazeen asked the Board to consider prebuying Chromebooks for next year out of fund balance. Dylan said they prices are going up and there is a shortage of ram and video cards. In addition, he expects tariffs to increase as well. When asked how many he would like to order, Dylan said 30-40. Bill Rearick recommended that the Board prepay 30 now and revisit the subject in June to see how the fund balance looks at that time.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Mark Chalbecki, to prepurchase 30 additional Chromebooks, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Morning Contract

Bill Rearick stated that the New Morning Contract is up at the end of the school year. The attorney has looked at it and made a few minor changes.

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the contract with New Morning Schools, and the motion carried unanimously.

2026/2027 Meeting Schedule

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the proposed 2026/027 meeting dates.

Suggested Topics for Pinkerton Sending Towns May Meeting

After some discussion, the Board would like consideration to expedite Pinkerton's tuition budget process.

Old, Sealed Minutes Review

The Board reviewed old, sealed minutes.

Motion by March Chalbeck, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to reseal the minutes of January 19, 2000, re-seal the minutes of August 5, 2004, and unseal the minutes of January 6, 2005, and the motion carried unanimously.

Set Retreat Date

The Board chose Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 8:30am for their annual Board Retreat. They will discuss fund balance and goals.

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$630,603.40, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the staff nominations as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the administrator nominations as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Alexander Conway as presented and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the second reading of policies DJ Purchasing, GBEBB Employee-Student Relations, EHAG Artificial Intelligence, DIE Audits, IHCA Summer Activities, EBB Safe Schools, IMGA Service Animals, JH Attendance, Absenteeism and Truancy, JICI Weapons on School Property, JLCK Special Physical Health of Students and GCO Teacher Performance and Evaluation, and the motion carried unanimously.

At 7:00 p.m., motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91:A-3 Section II (c). A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board resumed their public meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Items for the next agenda include a representative from EEI to attend and there will be a security update in a non-public session.

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on May 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McCarthy, Recording Secretary