

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026  
HENRY W. MOORE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

**These minutes have not been approved.**

Board Chair, Stephanie Helmig opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance were Board members, Dana Buckley, Mark Chalbeck and Merideth Wilson. Also in attendance was Principal Becky Wing and School Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Stephanie Helmig led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROOF OF POSTING**

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No participation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Vote on Budget Committee's Proposed School District Budget**

Bill Rearick explained the reason for the vote is because the budget committee's original increase to Warrant Article #2, the schools operating budget, was 3%, but they increased it at their last meeting to 4.25% for a total of \$11,585,787.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the budget committee's recommended Warrant Article #2 for an operating budget of \$11,585,787. With all voting no (0-4), the motion did not carry.

**Vote on Revised Petition Warrant Article**

Bill Rearick stated that a revised petition warrant article was presented to the Board and signatures verified by the Town Hall. This will be Warrant Article #4.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to recommend Warrant Article #4 as presented. With all voting no (0-4), the motion did not carry.

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to amend the agenda to discuss an email from a budget committee member, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dana asked Board members if they would entertain having the district's attorney look at the email from William Saffie to determine if it is libelous and/or breaching open meeting laws. Dana took exception to statements made in the email regarding the DESNH website which states that the Moore school has lead in the water. Becky Wing explained that by law, the school has to be tested every six months and in January 2026, she was notified of the lead. The Board was notified as were parents, and affected water sources were posted as 'hand washing only' stations. The problem is being remediated. She said a similar finding was done in December 2024 and the same remediation practices were used at that time. The timeline, Stephanie Helmig said, was conveyed to the budget committee at their last meeting. Dana said Mr. Saffie is making false claims, even after the clarification was made and corresponding documents were provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dana Buckley, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on February 5, 2026 at **5:00 p.m.** at the Henry W. Moore School Media Center, followed by the Deliberative Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca McCarthy  
Recording Secretary