CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026
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 Mark Chalbeck, Merideth Wilson and Heather Tremblay. Also in attendance was Principal Becky Wing, Assistant Principal Dorothy Franchini, Director of Student Services Stacey Eaton, and Maintenance Director, Kevin Lane; Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings (6:11 p.m.), and Business Administrator Cindy Bourgeault.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Savannah Hussey, Grade 4, led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING
Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON
Pinkerton Liaison, Rebecca Gill updated the Board on events at Pinkerton which included:

- Senior Corn Roast
- Mack Plaque Spirit
- Freshman Reception
- Meet the Teachers
- UNH President Visit
- Candia Kindergartners Visit
- Chorus Concert
- Jazz Ensemble
- Progress Reports
- Apply NH
- Fall Play

Resident Michael Lambert was in attendance after submitting a letter of interest for filling in the vacant spot on the School Board. Mr. Lambert introduced himself and expressed his desire to sit on the Board.
Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to appoint Michael Lambert to fill the Board vacancy until the next election, and the motion carried unanimously.
Stephanie Helmig swore him in and he took a seat with the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the School Board Meeting minutes of September 3, 2026. With Merideth Wilson and Michael Lambert abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried.
Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to approve the School Board Parent Appeal Minutes of September 22, 2026. With Mark Chalbeck and Michael Lambert abstaining, all others in favor, the motion carried

PUBLIC INPUT
No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE
The Superintendent's report was in the packet for review.

REPORTS
The Principal's Report was in the packet for review.

Stephanie Helmig commended those behind the Moore School displays at the Deerfield Fair.
Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Merideth Wilson, to amend the agenda to discuss the Kindergarten classroom heat, and the motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Lane reported that upon his employment, he was tasked with a handful of items to address for providing a safe and learning environment and keeping up with building codes. He said hearing about HMS previously having to miss school due to heating issues as well as having overly warm kindergarten classrooms, prompted him to research mini split type elements. He said this would take care of the issues and would cost $26,500, which is outside of planned funding. Kevin also spoke to the fire panel and said the previously expended $96,000 included removal of old materials, which was not done. He said some of the rooms still need to be retrofitted to meet current codes. He said it would cost $17,986.92, to bring all learning spaces up to federal code. He added that (Fire) Chief Kelly approved of his proposed plan.
Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Merideth Wilson to approve expending up to $45,000 to cover the heat pump and fire system as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Update

Bill Rearick summarized the two areas of parent concerns regarding bus stops. He presented current stops and proposed stops. Considerable discussion ensued. In order to make the newly proposed stops work, one bus would be overloaded and time scheduled would be radically different from current times. Mark Chalbeck said that moving a stop on Route 27 seems justified, but wasn't convinced Crowley Road needed another stop. No action was taken. The First Student manager will be invited to attend the November 5 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Budget Meeting Dates

The Board will discuss their budget at their November 5 meeting and will present it to the Budget Committee Chair on November 10. The Budget/Board joint meeting will be at the Henry Moore School on November 10 at 6:30, and the Public hearing on the budget will be on December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

NHSAS Results

Becky Wing gave a presentation showing the 25/26 NHSAS results.

Town Hall Coordinator Proposal

Becky Wing said this activity was successful last year. Becky said she hoped the Board would support it again and offer it as a class 4 extracurricular (per CBA) with a $1,400 stipend this year. She said Word Club is just being proposed at this point and will run only December-March to gauge interest. This would be a one-time $800 stipend for the advisor and $200 for start-up materials. Becky stated that Drama, STEM and Robotics co-curriculars are open this year.
Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the Town Hall Coordinator stipend position at $1,400, and the funding for **Word Club proposal** as proposed at $1,000, and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Expenditure Report and Summary/Manifest Approval

Cindy Bourgeault again spoke to the Food Service Director's salary. Local and similar districts' directors salaries were reviewed. Becky Wing stressed that though the Moore population is relatively small, its size should not be considered in the matter as the Director must fulfil all the federal regulations required in that position.
Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Merideth Wilson to approve the increase in the Food Service Director's salary to $50,000, starting with the next pay cycle, and the motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the manifest in the amount of $2,098,167.64, and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

First Reading

JJJ Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Charter and Home Educated Students, DGA/DK/DJ/DJB/DJE/DJG Purchasing and Payment Procedures, Authorized Signatures, DIH Fraud Prevention and Fiscal Management, EHAB Data Governance, EHB/EHB-R Data Records Retention/Schedule, GADA Employment References and Verification and ECAF Audio and Video Surveillance on School Property and Buses were in the packet for a first reading.
Motion by Stephanie Helmig, seconded by Heather Tremblay, to approve the first reading of the policies, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL
Motion by Merideth Wilson, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the co-curricular nominations presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT
No participation.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Merideth Wilson seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Candia School Board Meeting will be on November 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The SAU Board will meet on Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 6:30 at the Auburn Village School.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McCarthy
Recording Secretary