

**CANDIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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, and Heather Tremblay. Also in attendance was Principal, Becky Wing, Assistant Principal, Dorothy Franchini and Director of Student Services, Stacey Eaton, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the School Board Meeting minutes of June 3, 2026, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to approve the School Board Retreat minutes of June 13, 2026, as amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Bill Rearick reviewed his report and summarized HB 564, HB1300 and HB1575 and possible impacts to the district as a result. He said the tax cap calculation depends on determinations which will be made by the Department of Revenue that are unknown at this time. Until it is clear, the administration will build their budgets as they have in the past.

PARENT REQUEST FOR BUS STOP APPEAL

No parents were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Facilities

Becky Wing spoke to a Maintenance Update handout presented to the Board.

Strategic Plan

Bill Rearick said the first meeting is scheduled for September 14, when Strategic Plan leadership will discuss focus areas and goals from which a Strategic Planning Committee will build the plan. Stephanie Helmig will be one of two Board members on the committee. Bill said the goal is to have it before the Board for their approval in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Vacancy

Some discussion ensued relative to the recent Board vacancy. Postings will be created and distributed.

Handbook Changes

Becky Wing summarized changes to the handbook.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Heather Tremblay, to approve changes to the handbook as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Candia Bus Transportation

Nothing was discussed.

Policy JICK

Bill Rearick said due to late changes in law, he's requesting the Board accept and approve Policy JICK-Bullying Prevention as presented.

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, to waive the first reading and to accept Candia School District Policy JICK as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjusted School Calendar

Bill Rearick explained that there was a typo on the approved calendar and asked that the Board approve the adjusted one in the packet. This may be before the Board again for discussion at their May meeting.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Heather Tremblay, to approve the amended calendar as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Instructional Time Schedule

The Instructional Time Schedule was reviewed. No action was taken.

Topics for Discussion at Pinkerton's Sending Town's Meeting

No topics were discussed.

FINANCIAL

Financial Update

Cindy Bourgeault stated that the audit is complete and the auditor's numbers and hers tied out. She spoke to the Food Service Director's salary, which, she said, is comparatively lower than nearby districts. Becky Wing stated that the Food Service Director has been working hard to eliminate food and supply waste.

Stacey Eaton summarized recent unanticipated changes in the Special Education Department. She and Cindy will work on tightening up numbers and will report back to the Board at their October meeting.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the June manifest in the amount of 975,820.34, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Heather Tremblay, to approve the July manifest in the amount of 812,631.47, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Heather Tremblay, to approve the August 1-September 3 manifest in the amount of 735,649.07, and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Stephanie Helmig, to approve the co-curricular nominations presented by Becky Wing, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

No participation.

At 7:07 p.m., motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Heather Tremblay, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II (c). A rollcall vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered their public session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Mark Chalbeck, seconded by Heather Tremblay, to deny two appeals for changes in bus stops due to financial hardship on the budget and possible violations that would have been created due to bus ridership time, and the motion carried unanimously. Stephanie Helmig stated that adding a bus would cost the district \$48,000 which is not in the current budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heather Tremblay, seconded by Mark Chalbeck, 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 October 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The SAU Board will meet on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6:30 at the David R. Cawley Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca McCarthy
Recording Secretary