

ANDOVER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - ANDOVER SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 5:00 PM- Meeting Room

Members Present: Chairperson, Paula Lee; ~~Tim Akers~~; Pete Coolidge; ~~Betty Davis~~;
Lindsay Sharkey

Members Absent: Tim Akers, Betty Davis

Staff Present: Susan A. Pratt, Superintendent of Schools

Guests Present: Karen Thurston, Michelle York, Anikyn York, Steve Hudspeth(arrived at 5:30)

A. Call to Order at 5:01 by Paula Lee

B. Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all

C. Adjustment to Agenda

Discussion: None

Motion: Second: Vote: Yes No:

D. Visitor's Comment- Michelle York said she was here to learn about the Reopening plans and had some questions about it. She asked about mask breaks and how that would work, she also asked about playground use. Supt. Pratt explained that part of the plan that dealt with those two items.

E. Communication:

Paula Lee reported that Tim Akers and she had been reelected.

F. Reorganization:

A. Swearing in of newly elected Board Directors – Paula felt that both members had been sworn in at this point.

B. Election of Officers

a. Chair- Supt Pratt asked the Board for nominations for Chair
Motion to Nominated as chair Paula Lee: Lindsay Sharkey
Seconded: Pete Coolidge Vote: Unanimous

Paula Lee resumed chairing the following:

b. Vice Chair-
Motion to Nominated as Vice Chair Lindsay Sharkey: Paula Lee
Seconded: Pete Coolidge Vote: Unanimous

C. Training- review of Boardmanship policies- Supt. Pratt reviewed the key policies related to the Board management which is section B of the Policy Book.

G. Approval of the Minutes of 7/8/2020- Previously tabled.

Discussion: none

Motion to approve the minutes of 7/8/2020: Lindsay Sharkey

Second: Pete Coolidge

Vote: Yes:3 No: 0

Approval of the Minutes of 7/29/2020

Discussion: none

Motion to approve the minutes of 7/29/2020: Paula Lee

Second: Pete Coolidge

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0

H. Staff Reports

Superintendent of Schools Report :

Motion and approval of the Assessment of Community School Assessment Tax:

Discussion: none

Motion to approve the Assessment of Community School Assessment Tax: Paula Lee

Second: Lindsay Sharkey

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0

The Board signed the document to send to the Town Office.

Review of plans for Re-opening of School- Recommendation of in-person instruction for start of school year 20-21.

Action: Superintendent Pratt reviewed the plan and focused on the components for in-Person reopening as that is her current recommendation. She also recommended that the start date of school remain as is on the approved calendar.

Discussion: The Board asked questions about the various components and expressed a desire to have students return full time with safety precautions.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation: Paula Lee

Second: Lindsay Sharkey

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0

Request to authorize the Superintendent to make adjustments to the written plan as needed to be in compliance with the Department of Education and CDC guidance.

Discussion: The Board discussed making sure that they are communicated about larger changes and if the guidance would change the mode of instruction.

Motion to authorize the Supt. To make adjustments to the written plan to stay in compliance with DOE and CDC guidelines: Paula Lee

Second: Pete Coolidge

Vote: Yes: 3 No:0

Review of the ESEA application and budget for FY 21

Action on ESEA application:Supt. Pratt shared the document and the Board asked some questions.

Discussion: Question about the process was asked and Supt. Pratt reviewed that process.

Motion to approve the components of the ESEA Application as presented: Paula Lee
Second: Lindsay Sharkey Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0

Facilities Committee – Discussion about the air handlers and where we are in the process. It looks like ceiling mounted units might work but cost may be a factor. Pete Coolidge has been talking to some folks. Supt. Pratt had met with a HVAC person twice but not seen any quote yet. The air handler is a large part of the CRF Grant. Updates to follow.

H. Announcements

- Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Regular Board Meeting
Regular Board Meeting

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H. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Paula Lee Second: Pete Coolidge
Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0

Time: 6:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan A. Pratt, Superintendent