

ANDOVER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - ANDOVER SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 5:00 PM- Meeting Room

Members Present: Chairperson, Paula Lee; Tim Akers; Pete Coolidge; Betty Davis; Lora Owings

Members Absent:None

Staff Present: Susan A. Pratt, Superintendent of Schools

Guests Present: Philip Olivieri, Karen Thurston, and Michelle York

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all

C. Adjustment to Agenda

Discussion:Add hiring of an ed tech III under section I.

Motion to add this item: Paula Lee Second: Pete Coolidge

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0

D. Visitor's Comment- Michelle York spoke about the universal masking policy and shared some information she had gathered from various sources. She spoke not in support of universal masking for students.

E. Communication: None

F. Approval of the Minutes of 8/11/2021

Discussion: None

Motion to approve: Paula Lee Second: Betty Davis Vote: Yes:5 No: 0

G. Staff Reports

Superintendent of Schools Report :

Review of Opening of School

Staff Training- Supt. Pratt shared that staff had met on the first teacher workshop day and done all the mandatory trainings that are recommended for schools. She also shared that she has submitted the regular required survey on staff who are vaccinated. This report will be do every month to DOE. The DOE is also reporting student level data by zipcode for vaccinations, however all of the AES students are not vaccinated because they are too young. The best information we have tells us that later in the fall the vaccine should be ready for these age groups of children.

Enrollment- Our current enrollment is 36 for Pre-K to 5. The grade groups break as follows: Pre-k to 1- 12; 2 and 3- 15, and 4 and 5- 9. Special education services are up to some extent.

Long-term substitutes- Art and Music- part-time- Katherine McGaughy has returned to serve as the long-term Substitute for 3 hours per week and Pete Coolidge is the long-term Substitute for Music. Students are very excited about both substitutes and are really enjoying classes.

Transportation- We are providing a bus to pick up and meet the RSU 10 bus each day. The three drivers are rotating for late run when it occurs. We are following the same process for late run to RSU 44 as we have the last few years.

Deed Update: The original deed could not be found and a copy was not able to be filed so a newly signed document is coming to us. Supt Pratt will make sure this gets to the Town for filing. The town had agreed that if there was a cost, they would pick that up due to the previous deed work not being filed by them.

H. MSMA Annual Fall Conference- Virtual- 10/23/21- 9:30 AM Delegate for Assembly, who will attend?

Discussion: Paula Lee will plan on attending this event. She is also willing to be the delegate if the board wishes.

Motion to nominate Paula Lee as the delegate for the representative assembly- Pete Coolidge Second: Lora Owings Vote: Yes: 5 No:0

I. Hiring recommendations:

Recommendation to hire Part-time Ed Tech III- for Title I/RTI- Katherine McGaughy
Motion to hire Katherine McGaughy part time as the Title I/RTI staff for 20 hours per week.: Tim Akers Second: Pete Coolidge Vote: Yes-5 No-0

Recommendation to hire an Ed The III for Special Education paid for under Local Entitlement and regular Special Education- Shaynah Seames.

Motion to Shaynah Seames as an Ed Tech III.: Paula Lee Second: Pete Coolidge
Vote: Yes-5 No-0

J. Second Reading Policies

BBBE-Unexpired term Fulfillment/ Vacancies

BEB- Board Member Use of Social Media

BEDB-R- Agenda Format

BHC- Board Communication with Staff

Discussion:

Motion to approve for second and final reading: Paula Lee Seconded: Tim Akers
Vote: Yes 5 No:0

K. Committees:

Facilities Committee : Discussion about the roofing project and the amount of time it is taking. There was also discussion about perhaps finding an outside review of the work. Supt. Pratt will look into possible review more. Clearly the weather has not helped with the project moving more quickly but it may be possible to find someone to just review the work.

The good news is that Irving Forest Products donated wood chips for the playground. We still need a bit more but may follow-up to see if we can get a few more chips. There were a few volunteers who distributed the chips over the most needed areas of the playground over a holiday weekend. Students will work on thank-you notes to Irving as this was much appreciated.

Region 9: Pete Coolidge gave a detailed review of the most recent Region 9 meeting. He shared that they meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. He also shared that a Region recently had a Plumbing program approved but it is not yet up and running. The discussion about masking or not masking was on their agenda and the regional board was somewhat split in this discussion. They did approve optional masking when all was said and done. The Region has hired a new Adult Education Director and a new Assistant Director. They have also hired a teacher for the metal machine trades. There was a discussion about lunches for students from sending schools. The question of why the students cannot purchase from the culinary lunch program as they have done in the past. It appears the answer to this may be complicated because sending schools have available a bag lunch for the Tech Center students. Further discussion about storage of these during program hours in a refrigerated area. This may take some looking into for clarity.

Finance- Nothing to report

Other Committees

K. Announcements


- Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Andover Elem School
Wednesday, October 28, 29, 2021 Virtual MSBA Conference Via Zoom
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Andover Elem. School

H. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Paula Lee Second: Pete Coolidge Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0
Time: 6:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Superintendent