

ANDOVER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - ANDOVER SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:00 PM- Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: Tim Akers

Staff Present: Susan A. Pratt, Superintendent of Schools

Guests Present: Karen Thurston, Michelle York, Shane York, Scott Owings.

A. Call to Order: by Paula Lee at 5:00 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all present

C. Adjustment to Agenda

Discussion: None

Motion: Second: Vote: Yes No:

D. Visitor's Comment- Michelle York commented about parent choice of masking. She was told it was on the agenda and she would be allowed to speak about it at that time.

E. Communication: None

F. Approval of the Minutes of 12/9/2020

Discussion:

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented: Paula Lee Second: Pete Coolidge
Vote: Yes:3 No: 9 Abstain: 1 (Lora Owings)

G. Discussion on Current SOP and protocols at AES concerning COVID mediation strategies. Superintendent Pratt shared the very recent information about the newest SOP. The quarantine has changed to 5 days provided the school is universally masked. Students must be significantly improved in health to return in 5 days and must be universally always masked for another 5 days. The SOP also calls for more spacing during non-masked times such as the cafeteria. The recommendations are now for better masks, but it is not yet required. Supt. Pratt expects we may have a push to purchase or order KN 95 or N 95 masks for students and/or staff. Schools no longer need to do contact tracing or parent notification. We have testing available and can test if parents approve verbally when a student is ill at school. Because of the low availability of tests locally, we have offered to test students returning from the holiday break. We have

active cases in both staff and students and expect we are just beginning to see these. Even though notification is not required, Supt. Pratt has sent out several notifications to parents and will give them when more cases are present if it is feasible to do so. Michelle York spoke about her wish to have the masking be parental choice. She thinks parents should have that option. She also spoke about needing more mask breaks during the school day.

Supt. Pratt shared that if the school is not universally masked, one case will put large numbers of students out of school for up to 10 days at a time. The rules for less quarantine time only apply to schools who are universally masked. She also shared that the students are given mask breaks and if the weather is cooperative some of these are outside. She also shared that many students do not take their masks off outside even though they can. Students are given breaks if not outside in the gym and distanced for these times. She will remind teachers to take these breaks as often as possible.

H. End of Year Financial Review- Marc Roy- Zoom Discussion (scheduled for 6:00) PM
Marc Roy presented the current end of fiscal year 21 report to the board. They asked several questions about these various line items, and he answered those questions.

I. Staff Reports

Superintendent of Schools Report :

Budget Planning Discussion- The Board decided with consensus that they will see the first draft the end of Feb. -early, March. After discussion, the presentation will be March 2, 2022.

Principal's Report

Supt Pratt shared that the students will be doing NWEA soon and this will give us a good indication of how much growth they have had since fall.

Supt. Pratt shared that the Andover School is going to do their own version of "Winter Kids" this year and focus on outside activities in February.

J. First Reading of Policy Section D updates and new policies:

DB- Annual Budget

DBG- Budget Adoption Process

DD- Grants

DFA- Revenues from Investments

DFE- Student Activities Funds

DI- Fiscal Accounting and Reporting

DID- Inventories

DIDA- Fixed Assets

DIE- Audits/Financial Monitoring

DJ-R Administrative Procedure- Federal Procurement Manual for Maine School
Units

DJ- Bidding/Purchasing Requirements

DJH- Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement Staff Code of Conduct

DM- Cash in School Buildings

Motion to approve the policies for first reading with some edits: Paula Lee

Seconded: Betty Davis Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0

Motion to extend the meeting beyond 7:00: Paula Lee Seconded: Betty Davis

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0

K. Committees:

Facilities Committee: Pete shared that the roof should be progressing soon. He will keep folks posted.

Region 9: Pete Coolidge reported that the directors has met and there were 121 students total in the CTE. They are hoping to recruit more students next year. They also have been approved for a plumbing section and are actively recruiting for an instructor at this point. They are reviewing all the programs to see if any should be discontinued or remain. They have hired an Adult Education director at this point.

Finance: no report other than the warrants are coming through for review.

L. Announcements

- Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Regular Board AES- 5:00 PM

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Regular Board Meeting- Budget AES-5:00 PM

H. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn: Paula Lee

Second: Betty Davis

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0

Time: 7:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan A. Pratt, Superintendent