

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
ELLSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

In accordance with An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, as enacted to read: Sec G-1 1 MRSA §403-A Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of State of Emergency due to COVID-19, this workshop was live at 1 City Hall Plaza in the City Hall Council Chambers with only the School Board, Superintendent, and allowable number of ESD staff participants allowed according to the Governor's executive order present. The meeting was broadcast live on the Ellsworth High School Facebook page and YouTube Page (which will be shared to the City of Ellsworth YouTube Channel). The meeting was broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 1303.

Members Present: Brenda Thomas, Chairperson, Paul Markosian, Vice Chairperson, Rob Hudson, Jennifer Alexander, Abigail Miller

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Members Late:

Members Dismissed:

Staff Present: Daniel Higgins, Superintendent of Schools
Dan Clifford, Ellsworth High School Assistant Principal
Erica Gabbianelli, Middle School Principal
April Clifford, Elementary Principal
Amy Boles, HCTC Director
Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Curriculum Coordinator
The following staff attended via Zoom Audio:
Ann Sargent, Adult Education Director

Guests Present:

- A. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Brenda Thomas at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Adjustment to Agenda

A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Jennifer Alexander, to amend the Agenda by adding J.9. – Discussion and Consideration of proposal by Downeast Audubon to revive nature trails at EEMS to New business as recommended by the Superintendent.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

- D. Approval of Minutes

- 1. September 11, 2020 Board Meeting

Discussion:

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Rob Hudson, to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2020 School Board Meeting as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

E. Communications / Correspondence:

F. Public Participation (Public Comment was through e-mail to ESB Vice Chair Paul Markosian at pmarkosian@ellsworthschools.org):

G. Administrative Board Reports

1. Building Administrators' Reports
Dan Clifford, EHS
Erica Gabbianelli, EEMS 5-8
April Clifford, EEMS K-4
Amy Boles, HCTC Director
Ann Sargent, Adult Education Director – (Remote)
2. Curriculum Coordinator's Report
Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Curriculum Coordinator
3. Superintendent's Report
Daniel Higgins, Superintendent

H. Committee Reports:

Jennifer Alexander reported on Curriculum Committee meeting held on October 8, 2020; Abigail Miller reported that the Policy Committee met on October 6, 2020 and policies discussed will be taken up later in the Agenda; Paul Markosian reported that Finance Committee met on October 8, 2020 and will be discussed later in the meeting, Brenda Thomas reported that the Finance Committee met on October 8, 2020 with regard to Snow Removal Bids which also will be discussed later in the Agenda.

I. Old Business

J. New Business

1. Consideration of Teacher Nomination
(No teacher nominations available to consider)
2. Discussion and Consideration of Snow Removal/Salting/Sanding Bids for 2020-2021

A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Jennifer Alexander to approve and award the Snow Removal and Salting /Sanding Bids for 2020–2021 as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

3. First Read of Policies

A motion was made by Abigail Miller, seconded by Rob Hudson, to acknowledge and accept the review of the following policies with no changes as recommended by the Policy Committee:

BG – Policy Setting
BG-R – Policy Adoption Procedure
DIA – Technology Protection Program
DJ – Bidding and Purchasing Requirements
DJ-R – Bidding and Purchasing Requirements
EBCA – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan – *no changes – but requested administration to review plan for inclusion of language addressing provision of social-emotional and mental health responses for “National emergencies” – devastating events that may impact social-emotional and mental health needs of students and staff*
EEBB – Private Use of School Vehicles
EF – Food Service Management
GBEE – Employee Computer Internet Use
GBEE-R – Employee Computer Internet Use Regulations/Rules
GDF – Support Staff Employment
EEA - Student Transportation Services - no changes but requested information re: training

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

A motion was made by Abigail Miller, seconded by Rob Hudson, to approve First Read of the following amended Policies as presented and recommended by the Policy Committee:

BEDFA – Abstentions
GBEBB – Staff Conduct with Students
GBO – Family Care Leave

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

4. Election of Delegate and Alternate to MSBA Delegate Assembly

A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Abigail Miller to appoint Jennifer Alexander as Delegate to the MSBA Delegate Assembly.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

A motion was made by Brenda Thomas, seconded by Rob Hudson, to appoint Paul Markosian as Alternate to the MSBA Delegate Assembly.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

5. Discussion of Proposed MSBA Resolutions for 2020-2021

A motion was made by Rob Hudson, seconded by Abigail Miller, to support the following MSBA Resolutions as presented and direct the ESB Delegate to vote at the MSBA Delegate Assembly:

**Development of Distance-Learning Plan
Building Stronger Family Support for Education
Equity in Education
Board Meeting Remote Participation**

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

6. Status Reporting on Opening of Schools
7. Discussion and Consideration of HCTC Facility Study Proposal

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Rob Hudson, to support the recommendation of the Hancock County Technical Center Feasibility Study Steering Committee to recommend to the Ellsworth City Council to permit Interim City Manager Glenn Moshier to enter into a contract with the successful vendor conditioned upon final fees not to exceed appropriated funding levels established by the City Council.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

8. Consideration and Approval of Bids

A motion was made by Abigail Miller, seconded by Rob Hudson, to approve the bid to purchase a stand-on scrubber for the ESD Maintenance Department as recommended by the Facilities & Transportation Committee.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

9. Discussion and Consideration of proposal by Downeast Audubon to revive nature trails at EEMS to New business.

A motion was made by Abigail Miller, seconded by Paul Markosian, to approve the proposal by Downeast Audubon to revive the nature trails at EEMS pending confirmation of property boundaries and other considerations and to appoint Rachel Kohrman-Ramos and Chuck Turnbull to the Project Management Team.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

K. Calendar/Announcements

Meeting Schedule:

**School Board Workshop, Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

L. Adjournment


Discussion:

A motion was made by, Paul Markosian, seconded by Rob Hudson, having no further business, to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Time: 9:58 p.m.

Signed: Paul Markosian, Vice-Chairperson



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Markosian", is written over a horizontal line.

Date: 11/10/2020