

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
ELLSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 1, 2020- 6:00 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 meeting will be 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 will be broadcast live Spectrum Channel 1303 and live streamed on the Ellsworth High School Facebook page and YouTube Page (which will be shared to the City of Ellsworth YouTube Channel). The meeting will also be recorded and made available on Spectrum Channel 1303.

Members Present: Jennifer Alexander, Chairperson, Abigail Miller, Vice Chairperson, Paul Markosian , Kelly McKenney, Elizabeth Alteri

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Daniel Higgins, Superintendent of Schools
Dan Clifford, Ellsworth High School Principal
Rebecca Wright, Ellsworth High School Assistant Principal – via zoom
Erica Gabbianelli, Middle School Principal – via zoom
Josh Frost, EHS Athletic Administrator
Travis Wood, EEMS Assistant Principal/Athletic Administrator – via zoom

- A. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Jennifer Alexander at 6:04 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Adjustment to Agenda

A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Elizabeth Alteri to amend the agenda by adding under New Business J,3 Discussion and Consideration of Change of Location for School Board Meetings

Vote: 3 Yes 2 No (Alexander, Markosian)

- D. Communications / Correspondence
- E. Public Participation (through Q & A by sending an e-mail to Elizabeth Alteri at ealteri@ellsworthschools.org)
- F. New Business
 - 1. Consideration of Teacher Nomination

There was no teacher nomination available to consider.

2. Discussion and Consideration of Winter Sports

A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Abigail Miller, to approve participation in winter athletics for 2020-21 consistent with the School Sports Guidance: Return to Competitive Athletics and Activities in Maine (Revised 11/17/2020) and the Maine Principals' Association Guidelines for Return to Participation as presented by the Superintendent, EHS and EEMS Building Administrators.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

3. Discussion and Consideration of Change of Location for School Board Meetings

Following full Board discussion, the Board took no action on changing Board meetings but reached consensus to develop protocols for public in-person access to Board meetings consistent with protocols used by the Ellsworth City Council.

A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Abigail Miller to change the start time of the December 8, 2020 School Board Meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

G. Calendar/Announcements

Policy Committee Meeting, December 2, 2020 6:00 p.m. Zoom
School Board Meeting, December 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers

H. Adjournment

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

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Time: 7:49 p.m.

Signed: Jennifer Alexander, Chairperson



Date: 12/8/2020