

**ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
ELLSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021- 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 and other members of the public allowed according to the Governor's executive order and ESD Protocols for In-Person Access to School Board Meetings present. The Meeting will be broadcast live on 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 be recorded and made available live 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  
Erica Gabbianelli, Middle School Principal  
April Clifford, Ellsworth Elementary School Principal  
Amy Boles, Director Hancock County Technical Center  
Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Director of Curriculum and Assessment  
Ann Sargent, Director of Adult Education

- A. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Jennifer Alexander at 7:03 p.m.**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Adjustment to Agenda**

**A motion was made by Abigail Miller, seconded by Kelly McKenney to amend the agenda by replacing item J.5. with Discussion and Consideration of Formation of Advisory Committee to Develop a District Climate-Culture Survey.**

**Vote: 5 Yes 0 No**

- D. Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Abigail Miller, seconded by Elizabeth Alteri to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 School Board meeting and February 23, 2021 Special School Board Meeting as presented.**

**Vote: 5 Yes 0 No**

- E. Communications / Correspondence**
- F. Public Participation (Public Comment was through e-mail to ESB Board Member Elizabeth Alteri at [elalteri@ellsworthschools.org](mailto:elalteri@ellsworthschools.org))**

G. Administrative Board Reports

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

H. Committee Reports

The Hancock County Technical Center Advisory Committee met on February 11  
The Finance Committee met on February 17.  
The Finance Committee conducted a Public Forum on the Budget Process in  
collaboration with the City Council Finance Committee  
The Annual HCTC Program Advisory Committee meeting were held on February 26.

I. Old Business

J. New Business

1. Update on Hybrid Model Instructional Programs (Discussion)

**ESD building administrators presented a status update on successes, challenges, and ongoing modifications to the hybrid and fully remote instructional model for students, staff, and parents.**

2. Discussion on Factors Involved in Possible Increase of In-Person Instruction of Students in ESD Schools (Discussion)

**Board members and administration engaged in a discussion of factors involved in the process in increasing the level of in-person instruction in ESD schools.**

3. Second Read and Discussion of Proposed 2020-21 ESD School Calendar

**A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Abigail Miller to accept a second read and approval of the 2021-22 ESD School calendar as presented.**

**Vote: 5 Yes 0 No**

4. FY22 Budget Development Update

**Superintendent Higgins provided a brief update on the status of the development of the FY22 ESD budget.**

5. Discussion and Consideration of Staff Leave Request (possible Executive Session under 1 MRSA, §405(6)(A))

**A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Kelly McKenney to approve the formation of a Board Advisory Committee whose purpose is to develop a School Culture-Climate Survey and to appoint members Kelly McKenney and Elizabeth Alteri as members.**

**Vote: 5 Yes 0 No**

**K. Calendar/Announcements**

School Board Workshop, Tuesday March 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m. City Council Chambers  
School Board Meeting, Tuesday April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers

**L. Adjournment**

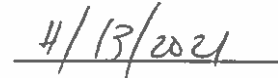
**A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Abigail Miller, having no further business to adjourn the Board meeting.**

**Vote: 5 Yes 0 No**

**Time: 9:28 p.m.**



**Signature**



**Date**