

**ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
ELLSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 31, 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, EHS Principal
Erica Gabbianelli, EEMS Principal (5-8)
April Clifford, EEMS Principal (PK-4)
Amy Boles, HCTC Director
Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Carol Ann McEachern-Murphy, Director of Special Education
Mary Martel, Teacher
Kelli Casey

- A. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Jennifer Alexander at 6:03 p.m.**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Communication/Correspondence**
- D. Public Participation (Public Comment was through e-mail to ESB Board Member Elizabeth Alteri at elalteri@ellsworthschools.org)**
- E. New Business**
 - 1. Discussion and Consideration of Climate Survey**

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Abigail Miller to approve the ESD Climate Survey as presented and to authorize distribution of the survey through DrummondWoodsum.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No
 - 2. Discussion and Consideration of Authorizing Personnel Committee to Act on Behalf of the School Board in Confirming Teacher Nominations in the Month and April**

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Elizabeth Alteri to authorize the Personnel committee to Act on Behalf of the School Board in Confirming Teacher Nominations in the Month of April

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

3. Discussion and Consideration of Plans to Increase In-Person Instruction in Ellsworth Schools

A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Abigail Miller to approve a 3-foot distance between students in In-Person instruction consistent with the Maine DHHS, CDC, and DOE Health and Safety Requirements, to approve the Increase in In-Person Instruction plans for EES (K-4), EMS (5-8) and EHS as presented, and to approve scheduling of non-student days to prepare for the return of students for the Friday preceding the return of the grade level or grade span, pending confirmation that the notice requirements are met through the Memorandum of Understanding between the ESB and the EEA.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

A motion was made by Elizabeth Alteri, seconded by Kelly McKenney to permit volunteers in ESD schools as approved and scheduled by building level administrators.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

F. Calendar/Announcements

School Board Meeting, Tuesday April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers
School Board Workshop, Tuesday April 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m. City Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

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

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Time: 8:16 p.m.

Signature: _____



Date: _____

