

Ellsworth School Department  
School Board Meeting - **Minutes**  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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

**Staff Present:** Daniel Higgins, Superintendent of Schools,  
Daniel Clifford, EHS Principal  
Erica Gabbianelli, EMS Principal  
April Clifford, EES Principal  
Amy Boles, HCTC Director  
Carol-Ann McEachern-Murphy, Director of Special Education  
Kiersten Jester, Teacher  
Lilja Hansen, Student  
Pedro Little-Siebold, Student

**Pedro Little-Siebold was introduced as the Ellsworth High School Valedictorian  
Lilja Hansen was introduced as the Ellsworth High School Salutatorian**

**A. Call to Order**

**The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Jennifer Alexander at 6:02 p.m.**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Adjustment in Agenda**

**D. Approval of the Minutes**

**A motion was made by Elizabeth Alteri, seconded by Abigail Miller to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 School Board Meeting and the April 27, 2021 Special School Board Meeting**

**Yes: 5 No: 0**

**E. Communications/Correspondence**

**F. Public Participation (Public Comment will be done by sending an e-mail to member Elizabeth Alteri at [elalteri@ellsworthschools.org](mailto:elalteri@ellsworthschools.org). Those submitting comments are asked to provide their full name.**

**G. Administrative Board Reports**

1. Building Administrators' Report
2. Curriculum Coordinator's Report
3. Superintendent's Report

**H. Committee Reports**

**The following standing committee meetings were held since the last Board meeting:**

**HCTC Advisory Committee, April 15, 2021**

**Personnel Committee, April 15, 2021, April 21, 2021, April 22, 2021, and April 29, 2021**

**Dropout Prevention, May 3, 2021**

**Finance Committee May 3, 2021**

**I. Old Business**

**J. New Business**

**1. Staff/Student Presentation**

**HCTC Director Boles provided members with information on a Career Pathways Program for the Health Occupations program and Eastern Maine Community College and Northern Light Hospital**

**2. Update on End of Year Event Planning**

**Building Administrators provided members with updates on end of year activities in their respective buildings.**

**3. Discussion of Board Meeting Access and Public Comment Protocols and Streaming of Board Meetings/Workshops**

**A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Abigail Miller for the Ellsworth School Board to follow suit with the Ellsworth City Council public meeting protocols, to eliminate public comment via e-mail and return to an in-person public comment model, and to continue to live stream meetings, but disable the live comment capability for Board meetings and workshops.**

**Yes: 5 No: 0**

**4. Board Acknowledgement of Personnel Committee Action on Behalf of Board in Confirming Teacher Nomination(s)**

**A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Elizabeth Alteri to acknowledge the Personnel Committee's April 15, 2021 confirmation of the Superintendent's nomination of Christopher Morris to a first year probationary contract for the 2021-22 school year, and April 26, 2021 confirmation of Ryan Lowell to a first year probationary contract for the 2021-22 school year and Katherine Hollenback to a first year probationary contract for the 2021-22 school year.**

**Yes: 5 No: 0**

**5. Board Acknowledgement of Finance Committee Action on Behalf of Board in Approving Bids**

**A motion was made by Elizabeth Alteri, seconded by Kelly McKenney to acknowledge the Finance Committee's approval of bids for the purchase of a storage shed for EEMS, CTE Equipment Update for the HCTC Automotive Program, and the CTE Equipment Update for the Early Childhood Program.**

**Yes: 5 No: 0**

**6. Resolution to Approve Chromebook Bid and Lease**

**A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Jennifer Alexander that that the Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize \$193,399.50 Acquisition and Lease Purchase of Chromebook Computer Equipment," be approved in form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of that Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting.**

**Yes: 5 No: 0**

7. Consideration of Teacher Nomination

**There was no candidate to present at this time.**

8. Confirmation of Superintendent's Nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Probationary Contracts

**A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Abigail Miller to confirm the Superintendent's nomination of the following teachers as presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Probationary Contracts for the 2021-22 school year:**

**Martha Baldwin  
Gretchen Blank  
Mark Ensworth  
Casie Frederick  
Amber Kirby**

**Maryanna Lowell  
Tara Mason  
Jennifer Trowbridge  
Jane White  
Mark Woida**

**Yes: 5 No: 0**

9. Confirmation of Superintendent's Nomination for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Probationary Contracts

**A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Jennifer Alexander to confirm the Superintendent's nomination of the following teachers as presented for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Probationary Contracts for the 2021-22 school year:**

**Beverly Brown  
Leanna Conners  
Megan Curtis  
Nicole Donnelly  
Gabrielle Holt  
Cheryl Keeney  
Katie Lacasse**

**Leach, Maren  
Holly Libby  
Paige Morse  
James Newett  
Sarah Palmer  
Melissa Richard  
Jennifer Smith**

**Yes: 5 No: 0**

10. Consideration of Superintendent's Nomination for Continuing Contracts

**A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Abigail Miller to confirm the Superintendent's nomination of the following teachers as presented for Continuing Contracts for the 2021-22 school year:**

**Jamie Anderson  
Christopher Betts  
Leslie Billings  
Alyson Briggs  
Nathan Cutting  
Kristen Fickett  
Yagmar Gunel-Briggs  
Katherine Hessler**

**Jasmine Ireland  
Ernest Linders  
Traci Low  
Erin Malanowski  
Joshua McCormack  
Beth Mitchell  
Delan Patterson  
Heather Weymouth**

**Yes: 5 No: 0**

11. Consideration of Full-Time Administrator Contracts

**A motion made by Abigail Miller to enter executive session failed due to lack of a second.**

**A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Kelly McKenney to approve full-time Administrator contracts in accord with the terms and conditions of employment as presented and recommended by the Superintendent.**

Yes: 5 No: 0

12. Negotiations Update (Possible Executive Session under 1-MRSA §405(6)(A))

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Kelly McKenney to enter executive session under 1-MRSA §405(6)(A)) for the sole purpose of receiving an update on negotiations.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Time Entered: 8:00 p.m.

Time Returned: 8:27 p.m.

K. Calendar/Announcements

Thursday May 20, 2021 – School Board Workshop (Possible Special Meeting) 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

Tuesday May, 25, 2021 – School Board Workshop - 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

Tuesday June 8, 2021 – School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Hancock County Technical Center

L. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Kelly McKenney that having no further business, to adjourn the Board meeting.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Time: 8:29 p.m.

  
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Signature

  
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Date