

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
ELLSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 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 the Hancock County Technical Center, 112 Boggy Brook Road, 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 on the Ellsworth High School YouTube Page and it 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:

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
Laura Johns, IT Director
Jasmine Ireland, EHS Teacher
Victoria Closson HCTC Custodian

Guests Present: Lilian Frank, Student
Beck Deeny, Student
Lauren Billings, Student

A. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Jennifer Alexander at 6:04 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair, Jennifer Alexander, announced that she would be resigning her seat on the Board effective June 15, 2021.

C. Adjustment to Agenda

A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Abigail Miller, to adjust the Agenda by adding to J.1 – Declaration of Board Vacancy to New Business and renumber the remaining items.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

D. Approval of Minutes

1. May 11, 2021 Board Meeting
2. May 25, 2021 Special Board Meeting

Discussion:

A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Abigail Miller, to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2021 School Board Meeting and the May 25, 2021 Special School Board Meeting as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

E. Communications / Correspondence:

F. Public Participation : None

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
2. Curriculum Coordinator's Report
Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Curriculum Coordinator
3. Superintendent's Report
Daniel Higgins, Superintendent

H. Committee Reports:

I. Old Business

J. New Business

1. Declaration of Board Vacancy

A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Elizabeth Alteri, to declare a vacancy as a result of the resignation of Board Chair, Jennifer Alexander.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Superintendent Higgins announced that in the event of a declared vacancy, the Board shall appoint a new member to serve until the next regular election (In November of 2021). Ellsworth citizens interested in serving on the School Board should submit a letter or e-mail of interest and send it to ESD, 66 Main Street, Suite 201, Ellsworth, Maine or taustin@ellsworthschools.org.

2. Staff/Student Presentation

EHS student Lauren Billings provided the Board and all in attendance with a presentation of her Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Capstone project, including information about her first published book "Dancing for Healthy Living" and her Instagram page @wholesomelivingbylauren.

3. Acknowledgment of Finance Committee Action on Behalf of the Board

A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Abigail Miller, to acknowledge the Finance Committee action on behalf of the Board to approve the bid to expend Perkins Grant Funds on a heavy duty tire changer for the Diesel Program at HCTC as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

4. Acknowledgement of Personnel Committee's Action on Behalf of the Board

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Elizabeth Alteri, to acknowledge the Personnel Committee's action on behalf of the School Board in confirming the Superintendent's nomination of Amalia "Molly" Krause as 7th Grade Teacher with a 1st year Probationary Contract for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

5. Consideration of Teacher Nomination

No candidate to bring to the Board

6. Consideration of Administrator Contract

A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Kelly McKenney, to amend the Administrator Contract of the EHS Athletic Administrator for 2021-22 as recommended by the Superintendent.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

7. Consideration of Authorization to Transfer Funds

A motion was made by Kelly McKenney, seconded by Abigail Miller, to conditionally authorize the transfer of funds from the Regular Instruction Cost Center to the System Administration Cost Center in the event the System Administration Cost center exceeds approved expenditures.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

8. 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.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Time entered: 7:32 p.m.

Time returned: 7:49 p.m.

K. Calendar/Announcements

Meeting Schedule:

School Board Workshop, Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment

Discussion:

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

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Time: 7:51 p.m.

Signed: Abigail Miller, Vice Chairperson

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

Date: 7/13/2021