

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
ELLSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 - 6:30 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 workshop was 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 was broadcast live on the Ellsworth High School Facebook page and YouTube Page (which will be shared to the City of Ellsworth YouTube Channel). The meeting was broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 1303.

Members Present: Brenda Thomas, Chairperson, Paul Markosian, Vice Chairperson, Rob Hudson, Jennifer Alexander
Abigail Miller (attended Via Zoom Audio and voted by verbal role call on each vote)

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
Carol Ann McEachurn-Murphy, Special Education Director
The following staff attended via Zoom Audio:
Rachel Kohrman-Ramos, Curriculum Coordinator
Ann Sargent, Adult Education Director
Matthew Wibberly, Assistant Special Education Director
Ray Daily, Food Service Director
Donald Saunders, Transportation Director
Chuck Turnbull, Facilities Director
Rebecca Wright, EHS Assistant Principal
Josh Frost, Athletic Administrator
Travis Wood, EEMS Athletic Director/Assistant Principal
Christine Reinig, EEMS School Nurse
Jacquie Sandone, EHS/HCTC School Nurse

Guests Present:

- A. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Brenda Thomas at 6:31 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Adjustment to Agenda

A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Jennifer Alexander, to adjust J. New Business as follows and recommended by the Superintendent:

- 1. Move J.7. Discussion and Consideration of Return to School Framework to J.1. and renumber the remaining items.**
- 2. Add Discussion and Consideration of Authorization to submit Libra Foundation Grant to J.8.**

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Jennifer Alexander moved to table Item J.5. (Discussion and Consideration of Request to Paint Cross Walks) until the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Abigail Miller .

Vote: 2 Yes 3 No
Alexander Thomas
Miller Markosian
Hudson

D. Approval of Minutes

- 1. July 14, 2020 Board Meeting**

Discussion:

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Rob Hudson, to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2020 School Board Meeting as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

E. Communications / Correspondence:

- F. Public Participation (Public Comment was through e-mail to ESB Vice Chair Paul Markosian at pmarkosian@ellsworthschools.org):**

G. Administrative Board Reports (Presented as part of J.1. Discussion on Return to School Framework)

- 1. Building Administrators' Reports**
Dan Clifford, EHS
Erica Gabbianelli, EEMS 5-8
April Clifford, EEMS K-4
Amy Boles, HCTC Director
Ann Sargent, Adult Education 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. Discussion and Consideration of Return to School Framework**

Upon the motion of Rob Hudson, seconded by Paul Markosian, the Board voted to approve the re-opening of Ellsworth Schools based on the Instructional Hybrid Model presented at this meeting.

**Vote: 4 Yes 1 No
(Alexander)**

2. Consideration of Teacher Nomination

A motion was made by Rob Hudson, seconded by Jennifer Alexander to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Casey Frederick as Kindergarten Teacher at EEMS with a 1st year Probationary Contract for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

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

A motion was made by Brenda Thomas, seconded by Rob Hudson, to acknowledge the Personnel Committee's action on behalf of the Board in hiring Gretchen Blank as a 7th Grade Teacher with a 1st year Probationary Contract for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

A motion was made by Brenda Thomas, seconded by Rob Hudson, to acknowledge the Personnel Committee's action on behalf of the Board in appointing Ginger Stoneton as IT Director with a two year Administrator Contract.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

4. Second Read and Approval of Policies

A motion was made by Rob Hudson, seconded by Abigail Miller, to approve Second Read and adopt the following amended Policies as presented and recommended by the Policy Committee:

**AC – Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
ACAA-R – Student Discrimination/Harassment and title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
ACAB-R – Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Compliant Procedures.**

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

5. Discussion and Consideration of Request to Paint Crosswalks (possible Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405(6)(E))

A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Abigail Miller,

-Whereas, the Ellsworth School Department is responsible for the management of all school property, including driveways;

-Whereas, images or messages displayed on school property are likely to be interpreted as conveying a message on the School Department's behalf; and -Whereas, the School Department intends to continue to maintain control over the selection of messages to be displayed on school driveways;

-Now therefore, the request by the Ellsworth High School Gender/Sexuality Diversity Alliance to paint rainbow-colored crosswalks, in a manner and for a duration authorized by the Superintendent, on Ellsworth High School and Ellsworth Middle School Driveways is approved.

**Vote: 4 Yes 1 No
(Alexander)**

6. Discussion and Consideration of ESD Participation in Class Action

A motion was made by Rob Hudson, seconded by Jennifer Alexander, to approve the resolution as presented at this meeting.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

7. Discussion and Consideration of Amendment to 2020-21 ESD Calendar

A motion was made by Jennifer Alexander, seconded by Rob Hudson, to amend the 2020-2021 ESD Calendar as presented and recommended by the Superintendent.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

8. Discussion and Consideration of Authorization to submit Libra Foundation Grant

A motion was made by Paul Markosian, seconded by Rob Hudson, to authorize the submission of the Libra Foundation Grant as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

K. Calendar/Announcements

Meeting Schedule:

School Board Workshop, Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

L. Adjournment

Discussion:

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

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Time: 11:07 p.m.

Paul Markosian, Vice chair

Signed: ~~Brenda Thomas~~, Chairperson



Date: 9/11/2020