Ashford Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2017 7:00 p.m.

District Office Conference Room

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Call To Order

Chair J. Lippert called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. Present were members M. Matthews, L. Donegan, J. Calarese, S. Gamache and J. Urban. Also present were Dr. J. Longo, Superintendent, Principal T. Hopkins, Business Manager L. Dyer and recording secretary J. Barsaleau. There were several people in the audience (list attached). Unable to attend was board member K. Warren.

The meeting was relocated to the Library/Media Center to accommodate audience seating.

<u>Motion</u> made by M. Matthews to add to the agenda Building and Grounds Committee meeting summary. Motion seconded by L. Donegan and carried unanimously.

The Building and Grounds committee met prior to the start of this meeting. Guests were Andrew Brydges of Eversource Energy and Michael Sorano of Friar & Associates Architecture. Recent facility study and energy audits were reviewed and assessed for viability. Mr. Brydges shared energy savings that may be obtained for electricity driven systems and lighting, and the availability of 0% financing opportunities up to \$500,000 for energy improvements. There is a four-year payback and no extra out of pocket costs with the savings that would be obtained in electricity costs by application of improvements. There are no oil related savings available, however certain electrically based components of oil fired boilers may be covered. He recommended that a request for proposals (RFP) audit be prepared identifying incentives and solicited to three engineering vendors.

Mr. Sorano stated that electric pumps associated with the oil-fired boilers could be included in the financing that Mr. Brydges spoke of. However, the current boilers at Ashford School are older and inefficient. He stated the first course of action would involve capital expense and that maximum energy savings would be realized by boiler replacement. More information concerning a payback period will be forwarded.

Dr. Longo asked what the recommended borrowing amount would be if based only on savings driven by electric based improvements and if engineering fees would be covered. Mr. Brydges estimated a maximum of \$300K - \$400K and engineering costs would be eligible.

Communications

J. Lippert received a communication from the Town Treasurer asking all boards and commissions to have their FY 19 budget requests submitted no later than January 10th.

FY 19 PUBLIC BUDGET INPUT

Maureen Caye shared concern about the ability of the school to sustain zero budget increases without cuts to staffing. She asked the board to please keep 3 teachers in place for next year's fourth grade class as they begin to prepare next year's budget. She asked about the dates for budget meetings going forward and stated she will be as involved as possible in these meetings.

Rebecca Haeger thanked the board for its hard work. She wished to share broad-spectrum concerns and desires. She stated her love for Ashford School and is "blessed to have her child in this school". She has discussed STEAM with members of the school community and while she is supportive, she is quite concerned about creating a better balance and feels the arts are neglected or minimalized and that independent functions like grammar and spelling are needed. She also spoke of concerns about student transition to E.O. Smith, little homework being assigned, alignment to high school curriculum and more basic and healthy foods in our cafeteria and expansion of offerings.

Kim Johnston echoed Mrs. Haeger's concerns about preparedness for high school and homework. Her child is taking honors classes at the high school and has struggled with the amount of homework that is assigned. She stated a preference for leveled classes.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Maureen Caye asked when the FY 19 initial budget draft would be ready. Dr. Longo and the board felt it would be ready in mid-January.

Kate Conway supported earlier statements made during the input session about STEAM balance concerns, expressed continued support for enrichment and cited need for more technology and study skills going into high school.

Approval of Minutes: 11/16/2017

<u>Motion</u> made by M. Matthews to approve the minutes of 11/16/2017. Motion seconded by J. Calarese and carried with one abstention (L. Donegan)

New Business

a. FY 19 Budget Planning

The FY 19 budget will begin as a mirror of the FY 18 budget. Any known contractual increases for FY 19 will be added to these numbers to determine a percentage increase. Dr. Longo addressed the board and audience inviting them to send an email or note with any items/topics for discussion of the FY 19 budget to him or to Jen Barsaleau.

Old Business

a. FY 18 Budget

Seth Lyman, fleet mechanic addressed purchase of handicap accessible vehicle. He said that he, the transportation coordinator and the Town have discussed purchase of a Ford Transit to address the needs for special transportation in lieu of a mid-bus. The vehicle is less costly than a traditional mid-bus and is easier to maintain. Operators of this type of vehicle do not need to possess a commercial driver's license, but do need an appropriate endorsement to transport students.

BOE Subcommittee Worksessions (7:30 pm – 8:15 pm)

a. Cafeteria

b. Finance

Both subcommittees began their worksessions at 8:15 pm. Cafeteria stayed in the media center and the Finance subcommittee moved to the district office conference room.

Subcommittee Worksession Summaries to Board

The Finance subcommittee session was attended by BOE members J. Lippert, J. Calarese and J. Urban, business manager L. Dyer and Dr. Longo. Items discussed were the FY 18 budget and brainstorming of ideas/options for the FY 19 budget.

BOE members M. Matthews, S. Gamache and L. Donegan attended the Cafeteria subcommittee session. In the audience were Troy Hopkins, Kate Conway and Rebecca Haeger. A menu was reviewed followed by discussions of processed foods, salad bars, farm to table, on site gardens, surveys of students and staff and more healthy snacks.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

Bicknell Trust, custodial vacancy, policies amended by legislative action, board and superintendent responsibilities, Supt. Evaluation, high school transition and homework follow up.

Second Opportunity for Public Comment

Mr. Hopkins clarified that grade 7/8 students are receiving 25 hours of student success planning. Someone in the audience mentioned having a student liaison to the board. Kate Conway was happy to hear that student success planning is in place. She further stated that vital skills are necessary and homework should be meaningful if given and Ashford's students have great character.

L. Donegan reminded everyone of the Winter Concert at Ashford School on December 14th.

<u>Motion</u> to adjourn the meeting (9:11 pm) made by L. Donegan, seconded by M. Matthews and carried unanimously.

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Enrollment Summary: Federal Ethnicity and Race Report as of 12/01/2017 (D3)

Ashford School

| View: | Students: | Date: |
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| Federal Ethnicity and Race | All Active Enrollments | 12/01/2017 |
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Ashford Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2017 7:00 p.m.

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Call To Order

Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Longo called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Present were board members J. Calarese, J. Urban, K. Warren, J. Lippert, M. Matthews and S. Gamache. Also present was Director of Special Education C. Ford and recording secretary J. Barsaleau. Present in the audience were AEA co-president J. Horn, R. Haeger, B. Duffy and R. Duffy. Unable to attend was board member L. Donegan.

Board Reorganization

a. Election of Officers

Dr. Longo welcomed new members Shannon Gamache and Jane Urban to the Board. Dr. Longo explained briefly the process of election of officers and then opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson of the Board.

K. Warren nominated John Lippert for Board of Education Chair. J. Calarese seconded the nomination.

Dr. Longo asked if there were any discussion or other nominations. Being none, he called for a vote on the nomination on the floor. The nomination carried with one abstention (J. Lippert).

Dr. Longo then turned the meeting over to Board Chair, J. Lippert. Mr. Lippert said he was pleased to take on the role of board chair. He spoke very highly of the leadership of past members and officers Jim Rupert and Kim Rourke. Both had served eight years and will be missed.

He then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

M. Matthews nominated Lisa Donegan for Board of Education Vice-Chair. The nomination was withdrawn, as Mrs. Donegan was not present to indicate she would accept if nominated.

J. Calarese nominated Marian Matthews for Vice-Chairperson. Nomination seconded by K. Warren. Brief discussion followed. M. Matthews was concerned that she had not had enough board experience. Being there were no other nominations or discussions, the Chair called for a vote on the nomination on the floor. The nomination carried with one abstention (M. Matthews),

The Board Chair opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

J. Calarese nominated Kay Warren for Secretary. Nomination seconded by J. Urban.

There being no other nominations or discussion, the Chair called for a vote on the nomination on the floor. The nomination carried with one abstention (K. Warren)

b. Establishment of Regular Meeting Date/Place/Time

A draft calendar of meetings for 2018 was included in the board members' packets for review.

Discussion followed concerning meeting dates in the spring.

<u>Motion</u> by M. Matthews to approve the meeting schedule as presented, with regular meetings being held on first and third Thursdays at 7 pm in District Office Conference Room 14. Motion seconded by K. Warren and carried unanimously.

c. Committee Appointments

Chair J. Lippert opened discussion of committee assignments. Members volunteered to serve on the following committees:

J. Calarese: Building & Grounds, Transportation and Long -Term Planning (alt.)

L. Donegan: Building & Grounds, Personnel S. Gamache: Transportation, Cafeteria

J. Lippert: Finance, Long-Term Planning

M. Matthews: Cafeteria, Building & Grounds, Long-Term Planning

J. Urban: Personnel, Finance

K. Warren: Personnel, Finance and Transportation

Persons to be Heard

J. Lippert requested that this agenda item be renamed to "Opportunity for Public Comment" on future agendas to better match the latter public opportunity on regular meeting agendas.

R. Haeger expressed gratitude to Jim Rupert and Kim Rourke for all they have done while serving on the board, thanking the administration, Dr. Longo and the board members for their hard work and effort during this difficult budget time. Mrs. Haeger welcomed new board members, noting she would be interested in hearing from them why they wished to serve on the board. J. Lippert then asked the new members if they would introduce themselves and share their motivation for seeking membership on the board of education. Ms. Gamache responded that she is the parent of 3 children that she is presently home schooling and a member of the republican town committee. She likes to "know how things work and likes to be involved in her community" and felt that the board of education was a great place to serve. Mrs. Urban has 3 children in Ashford School and stated she has seen "fantastic change in this school", and that "she loves the school".

Communications

J. Lippert acknowledged an email was sent to past and current board members from a former employee. Dr. Longo and other members of the board stated the nature and content make this communication a confidential personnel matter.

<u>Motion</u> made by K. Warren to add to the agenda between items 9 and 10, executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential personnel matter. Motion seconded by M. Matthews and carried unanimously.

A notice was received from the Northeast District Probate court that the Bicknell Trust financial report filed in October was accepted and has been filed.

Approval of Minutes: 11/02/2017

Motion by M. Matthews to approve the regular meeting minutes of 11/02/2017.

Minor grammatical notations were made changing the "was" to "were" in referencing who was in attendance at the BOE Subcommittee worksessions.

Motion with the corrections stated seconded by J. Calarese and carried with two abstentions (J. Urban, S. Gamache)

New Business

a. FY 19 Budget Planning

J. Lippert requested that a status quo budget be brought to the board to use as a starting point in developing the FY 19 budget. It should include negotiated wage increases and any known increases. Dr. Longo reminded the board that the current collective bargaining agreement with the non-certified staff union, MEUI, expires June 30, 2018. Dr. Longo met with Ovation Benefits earlier this week and they recommended a placeholder increase of 6-7% over the current year. More accurate information will be known in January. A BOE budget calendar will be developed.

<u>Motion</u> made by J. Lippert to add to the agenda as item 6b, "Authorization to Submit Title IV Grant Application". Motion seconded by M. Matthews.

Dr. Longo reported eligibility for a new grant, Student Support and Academic Enrichment. Ashford would receive \$10,000 to supplement enrichment. The grant requires detailed information on how the use of the grant is determined and what outcomes are expected from its use.

<u>Motion</u> made by M. Matthews to authorize the administration to submit the Title IV grant application. Motion seconded by S. Gamache and carried unanimously.

Old Business

a. FY 18 Budget

Dr. Longo, L. Dyer, J. Calarese and J. Lippert attended the Board of Finance meeting on 11/14. The BOE has received no budget increase over FY 17. Dr. Longo thanked those who attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the BOE budget. He reiterated his statements from that meeting that should zero increase budgets become the norm, the outcome will affect students directly in terms of reductions to programs, services and staff. A zero budget document was distributed. Discussion followed concerning reductions in supplies and equipment. K. Warren requested more detail be provided in the notes section concerning reductions.

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Dr. Longo reminded the board that during FY 18 budget development, wage increases for non-union, non-certified members of the support staff were negotiated and agreed to. He asked that the board consider release of those negotiated increases upon passage of the FY 18 budget.

<u>Motion</u> made by J. Calarese to authorize the 2.75% wage increase for non-union, non-certified support staff and increases for two secretaries, as was previously negotiated, retroactive to July 1, 2017. Motion seconded by M. Matthews and carried unanimously.

This increase is not applicable until the FY 18 budget is approved.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The Building & Grounds committee will meet on 12/7 at 6 pm.

The next regular meeting date is 12/7 and will be preceded by a special meeting for FY 19 Public Budget Input. Regular meeting agenda items: FY 18 budget, FY 19 budget, 2nd reading of policies, and finance and cafeteria subcommittee worksessions.

Second Opportunity for Public Comment

None

Personnel Matter (Executive Session)

<u>Motion</u> made by M. Matthews to enter into executive session (8:33 pm) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, inviting Dr. Longo to attend. Motion seconded by K. Warren and carried unanimously.

Present: J. Lippert, K. Warren, S. Gamache, J. Calarese, M. Matthews, J. Urban and Dr. J. Longo All parties left the executive session at 8:48 pm. There was no action taken.

<u>Motion</u> to adjourn the meeting (8:48 pm) made by M. Matthews, seconded by K. Warren and carried unanimously.

| Recorded by: |
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| Jennifer Barsaleau, Recording Secretary |

Ashford School Monthly Facility and Maintenance Report November 2017

Systems and Routine Maintenance Schedule (see attached)

HVAC and Major Systems

- During daily walk through, a circulator pump in the heating system of gymnasium stopped working. Mechanical Maintenance Company was contacted and repairs completed.
- Replaced 46 heating unit filters in hallways with lifetime filters.
- Hot water pump for kitchen replaced (lower boiler)
- New thermostats in room 26 and kitchen
- New motor in kitchen ceiling heater
- Purged gym heaters
- Rooftop fan units above gym to be replaced in early December
- Fixed heating in school psychologist's office

GROUNDS

- With the help of the Town of Ashford's public works department, the playground slide that was unusable for the past month or two was replaced. There was a need to remove and replace the concrete anchors to accommodate the replacement slide's specifications.
- 70 yards of woodchips were spread throughout playground areas to bring up to code depth.
- Concrete access ramps in the renovated CORR area were painted yellow per code.
- General lawn and grounds work, cleaned up flower beds, raking and mowing.
- Attached snow blower to tractor

GENERAL FACILITY

- Minor repairs made to gym floor, caused by student picking at the top surface of a basketball key.
- Roof inspected for leaks following the storm the last weekend of October; while checking the facility that Saturday, the gym roof had leaked. About 30 gallons of water was removed and fans placed to dry the area as quickly as possible to minimize the risk of floor damage. This action was successful. The gym floor is scheduled for resurfacing 12/27.
- Removed and relocated wooden tool cabinet from the district storage closet.
- Required radon testing completed.
- Required water testing samples gathered.
- Vacuumed dust from gym rafters and catwalk
- Installed six sanitary napkin bins in ladies rooms
- Changed ballasts and light bulbs
- New curtain ropes installed in music room

Ashford School Equipment, Facility & Maintenance Schedule of Service

| Service Area/Equipment | Vendor | Contact Phone | Maintenance Interval/Schedule |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Generator | Kinsley Power Systems | 800-255-3503 | Every 6 months |
| Septic | Skip's Septic | 860-875-2332 | Annually in Summer |
| Kitchen Grease Traps | Skip's Septic | 860-875-2332 | Annually in Summer |
| Septic Permit | State of Connecticut | www.ct.gov | Every 10 years |
| Boilers | Mechanical Maintenance | 860-528-9835 | Check daily As Per Schedule or as needed |
| Boiler Inspection | State of Connecticut | www.ct.gov/DEEP | Every 2 Years |
| HVAC System | Mechanical Maintenance | 860-528-9835 | As Per Schedule or as needed |
| Air Duct/Vent Cleaning | Duct & Vent Cleaning of America | 800-442-8368 | Rotating Sections - Annual |
| Kitchen Hood Cleaning | A-1 Hood Cleaning | 860-729-2565 | Annually in Summer |
| Kitchen Hood Inspection | Stuart White Company | 203-878-6311 | Annually |
| Kitchen Appliances | Preferred Services Inc. | 860-643-2430 | As needed |
| Fire/ Door Closing Security System | Venture NextGen Security, LLC | 860-963-0832 home Kevin Kozaczka | Annually, per contract |
| Emergency Lighting Fire Extinguishers | Life Safety Service | 203-272-1882 | Every 6 months |
| Radon Testing | EASTCONN | 860-455-0707 | Once per 5 years* |

| Water Testing (including groundwater) | Aqua Pump | 860-684-5349 | Weekly, Quarterly per State Requirements |
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| Cross Connection Survey | Aqua Pump | 860-684-5349 | Every 2 Years |
| Asbestos Inspection | EASTCONN | 860-455-0707 | Every 6 months/Once per 3 years* |
| Roof | Allied Roofing | 860-966-6904 (Rick) | Every 6 months, or as needed for repair |
| Plant Fuel | Dime Oil | 203-754-5334 | As needed |
| Kitchen Inspection | Eastern Highlands Health | 860-429-3325 | Twice during school year |
| Building Inspection | Ashford Fire Marshal | c/o Town of Ashford | By Sept. 30 Annually |
| Bleacher Inspection | Hussey Seating | 1-203-757-2486 | Annually in Summer |
| Playground Inspection | Stephen Pendl | CIRMA 1-203-946-3796 | Staff Check at least weekly, formal inspection every year |
| Playground Wood Chips | Blue Slope Sawdust | 860-942-7084 | Check quarterly Order 80 yds. every 2 years or as needed |
| Video/Camera Surveillance | Venture NextGen Security | 860-928-2784 860-234-8817 Galen Beaupre | Annually, or as needed |
| Emergency Alarm Monitoring | Centralarm | 800-639-2066 Acct #11301004 | As needed, update employee codes as needed |

| Gym Floor Treatment | All Star Hardwood Floors | 860-346-7647 | Annually in Summer |
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| Janitorial and Paper | | | |
| Supplies | Hillard – RoVic | 860-474-2858 | N/A |
| Floor Care - Machine | | | |
| Sales/Repairs | Hillyard-RoVic | 860-474-2858 | As needed |
| Glass /Door Repairs | JBR Glass & | | |
| | Construction | 860-429-4390 | N/A |
| Safety Glass Glazing | Armor Solutions | 203-943-1559 | |
| Restroom Partitions | General Maintenance | | N/A |
| | Supply Inc. | 860-688-8651 | · |
| Classroom White Boards | General Maintenance | | Per Budget |
| | Supply Inc. | 860-688-8651 | |
| Painting | Mansfield Painting | 860-942-7516 cell | As needed |
| | | Ed Paviliscak | |
| Trash/Recycling | Waste Management, | 800-826-7952 | Weekly |
| | Inc. | | |
| | | 860-234-1056 cell | |
| Tree Removal/Trim | Mansfield Tree | John Balogh | As needed |
| Stump Grinding | Dan Duffy | 860-423-9429 | As needed |
| | | 860-646-3348 | |
| Fuel Tank Cleaning | Tankworks | 800-653-3140 | As required per schedule |
| Oil Tank Electronic | | | |
| Monitoring/Supplies | TMI Service, LLC | 860-917-7063 | Checked daily by Staff, call |
| (Veeder Root) | | Wayne Dowell | for service/supplies |
| | | | Inspect every 3 years |
| Tank Integrity Testing | Absolute Tank Testing | 203-876-7430 | Annually |
| Plumbing | B.A. Muzio Inc. | 860-684-2285 | As needed |
| Electrical | Gagne Electric | 860-429-3218 | As needed |
| Tile and Carpet | Freedom Carpet | 860-716-0817 Phil | As budgeted, or needed |
| Tile Floor Reglazing | SaniGlaze | 203-925-6134 | |
| Parking Lot/Asphalt | All-Line Striping | 860-490-7317 | As needed |

| | | Alllinestriping@att.net | |
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| General Grounds Care | Ashford Maintenance | | |
| | Staff | | As Per Plan |
| Parking Lot Sweeping | | | |
| Snow Plowing | Town of Ashford | 860-429-6812 | As needed or as scheduled |
| Playground Equipment | Joe Kalinowski, Supv. | 860-428-6089 cell | |
| Install/Removal | | | |
| Building Inspection | Town of Ashford | 860-487-4400 | Annually |
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Town of Ashford: Contact for all building, electrical permits 860-487-4400

Last revised 11/16/2017

 $^{{}^*\}mbox{Requires}$ written notification to staff and/or families two weeks prior to testing.

December 4, 2017

To: All Departments, Boards, Commissions, and Contracted Agencies

From: Cheryl A. Baker, Treasurer/Administrative Assistant.

Re: 2018-2019 Budget Requests

This has been no ordinary year, and this will be no ordinary request. We have experienced an unprecedented assault on our time, our patience, and above all on our financial security. We are a strong community with much to be proud of: our new Town Office Building, new Fire House, completely renovated Babcock Library, and many structural changes and safety improvements to our school building. We have enjoyed a bond rating that allowed us to borrow frugally, and then to refund those bonds at an even greater savings. All the while maintaining a healthy fund balance to cover at least one and a half months of operating costs in case of an emergency.

The State of Connecticut has a serious financial shortfall, and that shortfall will trickle down to all of us in many ways. Further cuts to revenues are expected in the next fiscal year, and the possibility of responsibility for teacher's pension liabilities still looms. All of this must be absorbed within our budgets.

As a small town our only defense is a strong offense. Our budget for FYE 19 must be as trim as we can make it, while still maintaining services to the public. We are anticipating a zero increase budget at best, and are asking everyone to create a budget with our limited revenue sources in mind. In all likelihood we are looking at considerable cuts to our budgets as they move through the process. I know that it will be a challenge this year, more so than we have experienced together before.

Please submit your budget request to the Finance Office no later than Wednesday, January 10th, via email, US mail, or hand delivery. A spreadsheet showing your department expenditures to date is attached. Any significant changes, increase or decrease, should be detailed. All payroll figures will be calculated in the Finance Office. If you have a special payroll request please see me. Do not change the payroll figure on the budget spreadsheet.

If I can be of any assistance please let me know. We will remain strong together, as advocates to our community and a community as a whole.

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