

Ashford Board of Education  
**Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**

**Meeting Held in Person and Electronically Via Zoom**

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**Call to Order**

- Chair Jane Urban called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- Present were members Kim Kouatly, Jon Laughlin, Jennifer Leszczynski, Al Maccarone, and Marian Matthews. First Selectman Bill Falletti, an ex-officio member of the board, was present via Zoom. Tess Grous joined the meeting via Zoom at 7:08 p.m.
- Also present was Zoom meeting host Scott Waddell. There were approximately 15 other members of the school staff and the public present via Zoom.

**BOE Chair Remarks**

- Congratulations to Girls Varsity Basketball team – QVJC champions!
- Next scheduled meeting date, 02/17/2022, is the same night as E.O. Smith open house. Discussion about possibly moving meeting date to 02/10/2022.

**Public Comment**

- Al Maccarone would like the board to send Superintendent Craig Creller condolences for the loss in his family.
- Jon Laughlin recognized Superintendent Craig Creller for efforts to contact trace and send out emails to notify parents of COVID cases. Jennifer Leszczynski thanked School Nurse Martha Sibley-Jett as well.

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**Board of Education Workshop**

a. Finance Subcommittee

1. Review of FY23 Ashford School Budget

- Kim Kouatly will be the Finance Committee spokesperson.
- Jennifer Leszczynski will be the Personnel Committee spokesperson.
- Jon Laughlin will be the Transportation Committee spokesperson.
- Finance Committee reviewed materials provided by Superintendent Craig Creller and formed a list of questions for him to address at the next meeting.

b. Curriculum Advisory Subcommittee

1. Goals/Plans/Timeline

2. Identification of Committee Spokesperson

- Marian Matthews will be the Curriculum Advisory Committee spokesperson.
- They would like to look at curriculum each month by subject area: March – Math; April – Language Arts; May – Science; June – Social Studies. At the beginning of next school year, they plan to look at curriculum for World Languages, Arts, and Physical Education.
- They want to hear about all the good things that are happening in each subject area and how school goals are being incorporated into curriculum. They would like to see testing results and what is being done to address any deficits.
- They drafted goals for Curriculum Committee.

**Public Comment** – None.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION made by Marian Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion seconded by Al Maccarone and carried unanimously.**

Sara Wilson, Recording Secretary