

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ANDOVER, CT 06232  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday February 8, 2023  
Virtual Meeting/School Library**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Gerard Cremé, Chris Bernard, Shannon Louden, Steven Fuss, Celeste Willard, Caitlin Greenhouse, Mike Beckwith

**ADMINISTRATION:** Valerie Bruneau, Superintendent  
Taylor Parker, Principal  
Terri Smith, Finance Manager

**OTHERS:** Jennie Morrell, Teacher; Carrie Gilbert, Teacher; Charlene DelMastro, Teacher; Melissa Loteczka, Teacher; Allison Bech, Teacher; Katie Dixon, Teacher; Jamie Webber; Teacher; Lisa Hopkins; Teacher; Amanda Beloin, Teacher; Amy Knox, Paraprofessional; Anne Cremé; Kimberly Person

**1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by S. Fuss.

**2. Comments from the Public**

L. Hopkins – thank you.  
J. Webber – thank you.

**3. Communications – None.**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**S. Louden made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting of January 11, 2023, C. Bernard seconded no changes.**

**7-0-0 (PASSED)**

**S. Fuss made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Education Budget meeting of January 18, 2023, S. Louden seconded no changes.**

**7-0-0 (PASSED)**

**S. Louden made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Education Budget meeting of January 25, 2023, C. Willard seconded no changes.**

**6-0-1 (PASSED) C. Greenhouse abstained**

**5. Opportunity to Add or Delete Agenda Items – None.**

**6. Celebrations – None.**

**7. Reports**

**A. Chairperson's Oral Report** – None.

**B. Superintendent's Report**

-Received the After School Innovation Grant, running well. Also received a grant to help with costs for the Special Education program.

-Request from COOL to receive dates for the summer program by the March BOE meeting.

**C. Principal's Report**

**Around the School:**

-Spelling Bee winner, H. Boris, will represent AES at the Regional Bee on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

-Invention Convention is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

-Completed winter iReady benchmark assessments; we are celebrating students' hard work.

**Professional Development & Curriculum:**

-Fine tuning our Reading Program waiver and plan to submit at the end of the month.

-Some staff will be taking part in adaptive technology professional development through SERC in March and April.

-Learning Walks have begun around the building. Teams of teachers have the opportunity to visit colleagues' classrooms and look for trends across the building in teaching and learning.

**Days to Remember:** February 20/21 – No School; March 8 – Invention Convention; March 29 – Early Release for Conferences.

**Enrollment: 198**

**D. Financial Report:** As presented.

**E. Items for Discussion and Actions**

**1. Board of Education Policies – Updated Policies (1000's & 1200's):** Discussion.

**2. AES 2023-2024 Budget Discussion**

**S. Fuss made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2023-2024, as presented, seconded by S. Louden.**

**7-0-0 (PASSED)**

**F. Liaison Reports** – None.

**8. Comments from the Public** – None.

**9. Other Action Items** – None.

**10. Upcoming Meetings**

-Regular Board Meeting – March 8, 2023

-Items for Next Meeting

**11. Adjournment**

**C. Willard made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m., seconded by C. Greenhouse.**

**7-0-0 (PASSED)**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Gretchen L. Stein  
Andover BOE Board Clerk**