

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ANDOVER, CT  
Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
7:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting/School Library**

- Members Present:** Celeste Willard, Eric Becker, Gerard Cremé, Mike Beckwith, Caitlin Greenhouse, Brianne Lanzieri, Shannon Louden
- Administration:** Valerie Bruneau, Superintendent  
Terri Smith, Finance
- Others:** Jamie Tilden-Bailey, Beata Gadowski, Steve Willard, Mike Stankina, Katie Marino, Luis Mendoza (virtual), Kate Morse (virtual)

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Willard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairperson’s Opening Statement.

**2. Comments from the Public**

Members of PTA thanked the BOE for this meeting, expressed a desire to get the playground installed as soon as possible, and expressed regret for not having come to the Board sooner. It was a simple oversight. Steve Willard shared the involvement of his company in the process.

**3. Communications – None.**

MCR Gametime made a brief presentation and answered the questions of the BOE regarding the proposed equipment. Mike is the salesman for AES. Mike spoke of the materials, which include all steel and aluminum and the custom design of the kid course. The choice was selected for the size and price that fit the budget. This 3.5’ model was a 40% off great price and only cost \$20,000. Some alterations to design were done since the rendering, but only to make it safer than the first one. There is a warranty on the materials. Mike spoke of the process for installation and said the wait time for usage would simply be about 48 hours for the cement to cure. Mike suggested a CPSI general inspection from a playground inspector initially and then periodically.

**4. Items for Discussion & Actions**

**A. Item: PTA-Donated Playscape**

**Action: Vote to Approve Addition of Playground equipment made possible by PTA fundraising.**

**G. Cremé motioned to have the BOE approve the addition of the playground equipment for the AES playground purchased and donated by the PTA. C. Greenhouse seconded the motion.**

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

**5. Comments on the Agenda Item**

The PTA members present again thanked the BOE for approving the additional equipment and look forward to the kids using it!

**6. Upcoming Meetings**

- **Regular Board Meeting – November 13, 2024**

**7. Adjournment**

**S. Louden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. and the motion was seconded by G. Cremé. No discussion.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bruneau  
Superintendent