

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT 06232
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday April 19, 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
Terri Smith, Finance Manager

OTHERS: Jennie Morrell, Teacher; Melissa Loteckza, Teacher; Anne Cremé

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Comments from the Public – None.

3. Communications

- Thank you from the Fire Department for the donation for Curt Dowling.
- Resignation of Linda Stallone.
- Invitation to the Planning and Zoning meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

C. Greenhouse made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting of March 8, 2023, S. Louden seconded; no changes.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

5. Opportunity to Add or Delete Agenda Items

S. Louden made a motion to delete 7.E.1 Board of Education Policies - Updated Policies (1000 Series, 1100's & 1200's), seconded by S. Fuss.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

6. Celebrations – Happy Birthday to S. Fuss.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson's Oral Report – None.

B. Superintendent's Report

- No update yet about the solar approval.
- Updates on grants in the Finance report.
- There will be no cost to remove the bleachers; because the Rec program is being funded by the Town, new bleachers will be bought for the Rec Commission.

C. Principal's Report

Around the School:

-Two 6th graders represented AES in the 2023 Elementary Honors Festival in band and chorus.

-Six students were named semifinalists for the Invention Convention; will hopefully hear by end of April if any become finalists.

-Eighteen students won a raffle prize for completing their Book Bingo.

Professional Development & Curriculum:

-Continuation of professional work in the area of literacy.

-SBAC assessments will begin May 9th.

Days to Remember: April 27 – All Town Jazz Band; May 4 – Talent Show; May 9 – SBAC Testing begins; May 25 – Evening of the Arts; May 26 – No School (PD); May 29 – No School (Memorial Day)

Enrollment: 199

D. Financial Report: As presented. Discussion on how to handle overage.

E. Items for Discussion and Actions

2. Board of Education Policies – Updated Policies (1000 series, 1300's, 1400's & 1500's)

After discussion it was decided S. Loudon will review and send her changes and reviews to each Board of Education member for their comments/reviews.

3. Discussion of Capital Improvement Project – Floors

Discussion on redoing the floors in 2nd/3rd grade wing. Quotes were received.

A motion was made by C. Greenhouse to approve the Capital Improvement Project for Floors after July 1. Seconded by S. Fuss.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

F. Liaison Reports

C. Bernard has attended the meetings for the community center project. Discussion about when the construction will or should start and the issues that might arise while AES is still in session. Concerned members of the Board of Education feel that they are not being involved in this project. Discussion of a meeting between the full Board of Education and the full Board of Selectmen should take place soon.

A motion was made by C. Bernard to call for a meeting between all members of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to discuss a better relationship between the boards, seconded by S. Loudon.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

8. Comments from the Public – None.

- 9. Executive Session – For the Purpose of Discussion of Superintendent’s Contract**
S. Louden made a motion at 9:07 p.m., seconded by G. Cremé, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Discussion of Superintendent’s Contract, inviting V. Bruneau and T. Smith.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

S. Fuss made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:55 p.m., seconded by C. Willard.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

G. Cremé made a motion to accept the terms of the proposed renewal of the Superintendent’s contract for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years as discussed by the Board in Executive Session, seconded by S. Louden.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

10. Other Action Items – None.

11. Upcoming Meetings

- Regular Board Meeting – May 10, 2023
- Items for Next Meeting – New Policies to Address Medical Mandates

12. Adjournment

C. Willard made a motion to adjourn at 9:57 p.m., seconded by S. Louden.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

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