

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
7:00 pm
School Library/Virtual Meeting**

Members Present: Celeste Willard, Gerard Cremé, Shannon Loudon, Mike Beckwith,
Brianne Lanzieri

Members Absent: Caitlin Greenhouse

Administration: Valerie Bruneau, Superintendent
Taylor Parker, Principal

Others: Jen McGoldrick, Kim Person, Liz Lokiec, Kirstina Frazier, Kathy Hartnett
(Virtual), Eric Becker, Beata Gadomski, Brad Kelle

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.

2. Comments from the Public – None.

3. Communications – None.

4. Student Celebrations

Principal Parker shared new members who have joined the staff via a short video.

5. Approval of Minutes

G. Cremé made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2024, Special Board of Education Meeting, seconded by M. Beckwith. No discussion.

4-0-1 (B. Lanzieri abstained) (PASSED)

6. Opportunity to Add or Delete Agenda Items – None.

7. Other Celebrations

Chairperson Willard and the members of the Board wished Supt. Bruneau Happy Birthday!

8. Reports

A. Chairperson's Oral Report

C. Willard first took a moment to remember significance of 9-11 and a moment of silence. STIF (Short Term Investment Account) Update – will be on next month's agenda, still gathering information.

B. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Bruneau reported that all grants have been spent; keeping eyes open for any upcoming opportunities; facilities project lists are being updated and completed. Boiler cleaning, music room door needs to be replaced, FPT upgrade, HVAC repair and maintenance. All BOE members are signed up for the upcoming CABA Convention.

C. Principal's Report

Principal Parker reported that there are 240 students enrolled; all 60 preschool spots are filled; staff and students are adjusting well; Bookworms is up and running; state mandated trainings are up to date.

D. Financial Report

Supt. Bruneau discussed the report that was provided. Early in this year so far. No questions from Board regarding the report.

E. Liaison Reports

School Readiness – Principal Parker reported that the first meeting will be in October; there is a new liaison.

Tri Board – S. Loudon reported that the Board of Finance might act by the end of September so there might be a Tri Board by October.

PTA – C. Willard reported that PTA had their first meeting on Monday, September 10, 2024, and they raised enough money for the playground which they plan to install by Thanksgiving.

9. Executive Session – For the Purpose of Interviewing Candidate(s) for BOE Vacancy

S. Loudon moved to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Interviewing Candidate(s) for BOE Vacancy at 7:31 p.m., seconded by G. Cremé. No discussion.

5-0-0 (PASSED)

BOE came out of Executive Session at 8:31 p.m.

10. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. **BOE Vacancy** – Members of BOE discussed the two candidates and commented to them directly. A vote was taken.

Roll Call: Cremé: Eric
 Beckwith: Eric
 Lanzieri: Beata
 Louden: Eric
 Willard: Beata

3-2-0 Eric Becker voted as new member.

- B. **Report on August Town Meetings and Future Meetings** – G. Cremé attended the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen meetings and gave a report. The next 10 months agreed upon and “assigned” to members.

11. Comments from the Public on Agenda Items

Brad Kelle began a comment but was not on an agenda item. Chairperson reminded of the purpose of the second comment section of the meeting and moved on.

12. Executive Session – For Purpose of BOE Self-Evaluation/Superintendent Evaluation

S. Louden moved to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of BOE Self-Evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation at 8:39 p.m., seconded by G. Cremé. No discussion.

5-0-0 (PASSED)

BOE came out of Executive Session at 9:54 p.m.

13. Other Action Items

14. Upcoming Meetings

- Regular Board Meeting – October 9, 2024
- Items for next Meeting – Fuss & O’Neill Plumbing Project Proposal, STIF Account Discussion

15. Adjournment

S. Louden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m., seconded by G. Cremé. No discussion.

5-0-0 (PASSED)

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Longley, Clerk