

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ANDOVER, CT 06232  
Special Board of Education Budget Meeting  
Wednesday January 18, 2023  
Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm**

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

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

**OTHERS:** Carrie Gilbert, Kirstina Frazier, Lisa Hopkins; Melissa Loteckza, Jennie Morrell

**Call to order**

The special meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Technical difficulties with ZOOM explained by Principal Parker. After 40 min will need to log back in.

Topic was posted and printed in the River east newspaper: Special education costs, Curriculum, and initiatives associated with instruction explained. PowerPoint attached.

Meeting ended/adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next Meeting: January 25, 2023, at 7:00 pm **Topic: Salaries, Insurance, Facilities and Maintenance**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Bruneau  
Superintendent

**A. Superintendent's Report**

- Waiting on grants information.

**B. Principal's Report**

**Around the School:**

-Thank you to the Andover Fire Department for visiting during fire prevention week.

-Check out November Newsletter – <https://www.smores.com/gf2v1>

**Professional Development & Curriculum:**

-Staff able to continue working on differentiated reading in the professional development day on November 7.

-Paraprofessionals also took part in professional development around IEP's and specific disabilities.

**Days to Remember:** November 3 - Picture Retake Day; November 8 – No School Parent Conferences; November 10 – Veterans Day Assembly; November 11 – no school; November 23 – Early Dismissal; November 24 & 25 – No school

**Enrollment: 198**

**C. Financial Report:** As presented.

**D. Items for Discussion and Actions**

**1. Board of Education Vacancy**

**BOE members filled out the ballot to vote for nominee to fill BOE vacancy.**

**G. Cremé – Micheal Beckwith**

**C. Bernard – Michael Beckwith**

**S. Loudon – Michael Beckwith**

**S. Fuss – Michael Beckwith**

**C. Willard – Brianne Lanzieri**

**C. Greenhouse – Michael Beckwith**

**G. Cremé made a motion, seconded by S. Loudon to appoint Michael Beckwith to the BOE vacant position.**

**6-0-0 (Passed)**

G. Cremé thanked Doris and Brianne for their applications for the vacant BOE position.

**2. Board of Education Policies 2000 Series – Second Reading**

**C. Willard made a motion to approve the Updates/changes to the BOE Policies 2000 series as presented, seconded by S. Loudon.**

**6-0-0 (Passed)**

**3. Discussion of Comments Regarding Community Center to Planning & Zoning/Questions of Superintendent**

Discussion

**4. Insurance Consortium Agreement**

**S. Loudon made a motion to approve Insurance Consortium Agreement and Authorize Superintendents signature, seconded by S. Fuss.**

**6-0-0 (Passed)**

**E. Liaison Reports**

Discussion on workshops for budget

S. Fuss – possible Zoom Special Meeting for Solar presentation by Green Sky.

**2. Executive Session**

**S. Louden made a motion at 7:50pm, seconded by G. Cremé to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Discussing Legal Advice Under Attorney/Client Privilege Concerning (a) Privileged Communication Regarding Payment Demand by Former Contractor and (b) Memorandum Regarding Town Construction on School Property and Inviting Superintendent Bruneau and Michael Beckwith to the Session.**

**6-0-0 (Passed)**

**S. Louden made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:21pm, seconded by S. Fuss.**

**6-0-0 (Passed)**

**3. Comments from the Public – none**

**4. Other Action Items – none**

**5. Upcoming Meetings**

-Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2022

-Items for Next Meeting – Solar Presentation

**6. Adjournment**

**S. Louden made a motion to adjourn at XXXXX, seconded by S. Fuss.**

**6-0-0 (Passed)**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Gretchen L. Stein  
Andover BOE board clerk**