

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

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: Jennie Morrell, Teacher; Kirstina Frazier, Teacher; Delaney Pike, Student Teacher; Anne Cremé; Families Here for Invention Convention

1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Comments from the Public – None.

3. Communications – None.

4. Approval of Minutes

C. Greenhouse made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting of February 8, 2023, C. Willard seconded no changes.

6-0-0 (PASSED)

C. Bernard made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Education Special meeting of February 21, 2023, C. Willard seconded no changes.

4-0-2 (PASSED) (C. Greenhouse and S. Fuss abstained)

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

6. Celebrations

-Chairperson G. Cremé and the BOE members congratulated the winners of the Invention Convention, E. St. Rock, B. Warriner, B. Boland, D. Haggerty, E. Chalfant, and L. Fowler, and their families.

-Thank you to the BOE as part of Board Appreciation Month (March).

-Thank you to T. Parker for completing the K-3 Reading Waiver.

-Congratulations to H. Boris as our representative at the Regional Spelling Bee.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson's Oral Report – None.

B. Superintendent's Report

-After School Innovation Grant is running very well.

-Need to apply for the Security Grant.

-No summer grants yet.

C. Principal's Report

Around the School:

-After school program is running well; activities offered in areas of Art, STEM, Physical Activity, Music, and more.

-6th grade DARE education is starting in March.

-Read Across America program kicked off in March. Parents and family members are invited to come in and read in classrooms.

Professional Development & Curriculum:

-Reading Program Waiver has been submitted to the State of CT.

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

Days to Remember: March 29 Early Release-Conferences; April 7-14 No School (April Break)

Enrollment: 198

D. Financial Report: As presented.

E. Items for Discussion and Actions

1. Board of Education Policies – Updated Policies (1000 Series, 1100's & 1200's)
Discussion; no action taken.

2. Budget Transfers

S. Louden made a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented, seconded by C. Greenhouse.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

F. Liaison Reports – None.

8. Comments from the Public – None.

9. Executive Session

S. Louden made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Discussing Legal Advice/Opinion Under Attorney/Client Privilege, inviting V. Bruneau and T. Smith, seconded by C. Bernard.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

S. Louden made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:58 p.m., seconded by C. Greenhouse.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

10. Other Action Items – None.

11. Upcoming Meetings

-Regular Board Meeting – April 19, 2023

12. Adjournment

C. Willard made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m., seconded by C. Greenhouse.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

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