

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT 06232
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday February 12, 2020
School Library**

PRESENT: Chairperson Shannon Louden, Gerard Cremé, Daniel Foran,
Lisa Hewett

ABSENT: Brandon Lorentz, Steven Fuss and Cynthia Murray

ADMINISTRATION: Sally Doyen, Superintendent
John Briody, Principal/Director of Curriculum

OTHERS: Laura Edwards (Business Manager), Members of the Andover
Elementary School Staff, and Members of the Community.

1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Shannon Louden.

2. Comments from the Public

Cathy Palazzi, 100 Hutchinson Rd., extended appreciation from the Senior Citizens who were able to use the AES gymnasium for an event. Amy Knox, 8 School Rd., inquired about the Summer Program and the timing of the program.

3. Communications – None.

4. Approval of Minutes

S. Louden requested moving the approval of the February 5, 2020 Special Board of Education Meeting minutes to the regular Board of Education meeting in March to allow other members of the Board to review them.

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

6. Celebrations

- S. Louden acknowledged that for the third consecutive year, AES has been recognized as a School of Distinction. J. Briody presented a slide show explaining the recognition in more detail.
- Congratulations to Sam Foran who was this year's winner of the National Geographic School-wide Geo Bee.
- On Friday February 14th, "No One Eats Alone" day will be celebrated.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson's Oral Report

1. Update on shared Services Committee

On Wednesday, January 29, the Shared Service Committee Meeting took place. Ideas were shared and a meeting schedule was implemented. If approved, the meeting will take place on February 25, at 7:45 p.m. in the School Library. S. Loudon also attended the CABA legislative breakfast. Other towns were interested in the Shared Services Committee.

B. Principal's Report

Previously presented the slide show.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Updates

Packets were provided, by S. Doyen, explaining the 2015/2016 budget expenditure breakdown.

2. Items for Discussion & Actions

a. AES Budget 2020-2021 Discussion

- Reduction considerations were reviewed. S. Loudon reviewed the enrollment report and projected class breakdown. D. Foran inquired about the money for the refurbished locker rooms coming out of the BOE budget and not the Town budget. S. Doyen recommended the subject be brought up at the Shared Services Committee meeting.
- A handout regarding the breakdown of the BOE givebacks to the Town was reviewed.
- The preschool budget and funding were explained.
- S. Loudon requested another budget workshop considering the absence of three Board members. Pending date for the Special Meeting would be February 27, at 6:00 p.m.

b. Memo from Andover Town Administrator to Combine BOE and Town Financial Activities

The Board of Selectman would like to establish a finance department to share financial services with the Town, along with a finance director for the Town and a part-time bookkeeper. L. Edwards suggested that the plan be reviewed further.

c. School Calendar for 2020-2021

Minor corrections to be made to the school calendar before finalized. Our school calendar will mirror other area towns' calendars as well.

D. Enrollment Report

New students were added to grades 2, 3, 5 and preschool, for a total of 204 students.

E. Financial Report

A handout was provided to review.

F. Health Room Report

A handout was provided to review.

8. Other Action Items

L. Hewett made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 school year calendar. G. Cremé seconded the motion.

4-0-0 (PASSED)

9. Comments from the Public on Agenda Items

- Kevin Regan, 67 Wales Rd., mentioned his concerns about the budget cuts and would like to see a further breakdown of the expenses.
- Kristen Solloway, 10 Shadblow Ln., made inquiries regarding enrollment projection.
- Kelly Haggerty, 249 Long Hill Rd., requested that our emergency shelter be looked in to more.
- Paula King, 36 Oak Farms Rd., expressed disappointment with potential budget cuts and the outplacement of two students.
- Stacy Kluczowski, 152 Hendee Rd., inquired about the budget cuts.
- Jessica Talaga, 140 Hebron Rd., expressed concerns regarding the consolidation of buses and supports that sixth grade students switch classes during the day.

10. Executive Session

G. Crème made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. L. Hewett seconded the motion.

4-0-0 (PASSED)

S. Loudon made a motion to accept the resignation of AES Superintendent, Dr. Sally Doyen, effective June 30, 2020. D. Foran seconded the motion.

4-0-0 (PASSED)

11. Upcoming Meetings

- Special Board of Education Meeting – February 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

G. Cremé made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. L. Hewett seconded the motion.

4-0-0 (PASSED)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Bourassa, Board Clerk