

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT 06232
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday December 12, 2018
School Library**

PRESENT: Chairperson Shannon Loudon, Danielle Maguire, Cynthia Murray, Gerard Cremé, Lisa Hewett, Michael Russo

ABSENT: Jay Linddy

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

OTHERS: Lucie Wilson, Ann Cremé, Matthew Piros/Teacher, Laura Bush/Teacher, Jaime Webber/Teacher, Kirstina Frazier/Teacher, Members of the Andover Lego™ Team, Dr. Patricia Law, RHAM Superintendent

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by members of the Andover Lego™ Team.

2. Comments from the Public – None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of November 14, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2018 regular meeting was made by G. Cremé with the following corrections: Page 1, Item 3, change M. Russo to G. Cremé, seconded by M. Russo; Page 3, Item 7B, insert “has” prior to “been formed”. Motion passed with C. Murray abstaining.

5- 0 -1 (PASSED)

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

5. Celebrations

Principal Briody noted that the annual Stuff the Cruiser/Stuff a Bus event was a success, as was Intergenerational Day.

6. Reports

A. Chairperson’s Oral Report – None.

B. Principal’s Report – Report cards will be sent home on Friday. The last School Readiness slot in Pre-K has been filled.

C. Superintendent’s Report

1. Dr. Patricia Law, Superintendent RHAM Middle/High School – Dr. Law gave an overview of the Strategic Plan. Enrollment numbers were reviewed. A

manufacturing program starting in January was reviewed. RHAM Middle School transition was reviewed. Technology and digital citizenship was reviewed. STEM and Makerspace were discussed. How to better support students at RHAM was discussed. Continued dialogue discussed. Superintendents meet monthly.

2. LEGO™ League Report – the 2018 LEGO™ Team consists of ten students from 5th and 6th grades this year. Their project this year was creating a robotic therapy dog. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Webber commented on their work on the project.
3. Makerspace Demonstration – K. Frazier demonstrated some of the projects that students have completed. Virtual reality goggles were demonstrated to the Board.
4. Repurposing of 3/4 Wing Agreement – Superintendent Doyen is continuing to meet with the Town Administrator. A draft MOA was reviewed. A public information meeting was suggested. Two responses have been received from the RFQ. The Board of Education will select the architect. The Board of Selectmen will hire the architect.
5. Discussion of Joint Meeting-Boards of Education, Finance, Selectmen-Regarding Renovation of AES Space – Coordinating a joint meeting potentially on January 9 was discussed. There will be an informational public meeting on January 17. A letter to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance was reviewed. M. Russo suggested meeting with the Board of Selectmen before the public meeting. Reverting the proposed area was discussed.
6. Request from Library/Media Specialist to Reduce FTE – The Superintendent noted this schedule has been reviewed.
7. First Reading of Following New Board Policies:
6171.4 Special Education, Independent Educational Evaluations (IEE)
6171.3 Special Education, Placement of Students Out-of-District
1250.1 Visits to Schools, Classroom Observations
8. Updates – The tree between AES and Town Hall has been removed. A letter regarding declining enrollment and requesting any leaves or retirements will be distributed to certified staff, per the AEA contract. The Town Historian has reviewed the map and suggested covering it with Plexiglas; pricing will be pursued.

D. Enrollment Report – Reviewed.

E. Financial Report – Reviewed.

F. Health Room Report – Reviewed.

7. Action Items

- A. Approve the Reduction of the Library/Media Specialist Position to .80 FTE for the Remainder of the 2018-2019 School Year.**

Motion made by M. Russo to approve the reduction of the Library/Media Specialist position to .80 FTE for the remainder of the school year. Motion seconded by D. Maguire. Motion passed unanimously.

6- 0 -0 (PASSED)

- 8. Comments From the Public on Agenda Items – None.**

9. Executive Session – For the Purpose of Contract Negotiations

Motion made by D, Maguire to enter into Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of contract negotiations, and to invite the Principal and Superintendent. Motion seconded by G. Cremé. Motion passed unanimously.

6- 0 -0 (PASSED)

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

10. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Board Meeting– January 9, 2019
Items for Next Meeting

11. Adjournment

Motion made by S. Loudon to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Motion seconded by L. Hewett. Motion passed unanimously.

6- 0 -0 (PASSED)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen E. Chapman, Board Clerk