

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT 06232
Special Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
School Library**

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

ABSENT: Brandon Lorentz and Steven Fuss

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 6:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Shannon Louden.

2. Comments from the Public – None.

3. Communications

There were two letters from the Town. One was in regard to looking at a budget reduction; the other was in regard to pursuing combined finance operations of the Board of Education and Town of Andover.

4. Approval of Minutes

G. Cremé made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on January 8, 2020. C. Murray seconded the motion.

4-0-1 (L. Hewett) (PASSED)

5. Reports

A. Discussion of Current 2019-2020 AES Budget

1. Laura Edwards presented a handout regarding an up-to-date monthly object summary concerning the cost of two outplaced students.

2. Reviewed EASTCONN expenditures and commitments. D. Foran inquired about combining certain expenses with the Town. Dr. Doyen stated it would be looked into.

B. Other Budget Information Requests

1. The 2016/2017 budget breakdown for facilities and the 2015-2016 budget breakdown for EastConn was reviewed; this type of format was requested by D. Foran.

2. Preschool funding was reviewed. In regard to the School Readiness Grant, it was said that a certain number of slots need to be filled or AES would lose part of its grant money.
3. Holly Maiorano provided a handout on the costs of outplacing students as opposed to keeping students at AES.

C. Discussion of 2020-2021 AES Budget

Laura Edwards provided a handout covering four years of expenditures in different categories and reviewed the 2020-2021 budget. The Board of Selectman has asked to have a reduction to bring the budget down to \$3.6 million.

6. **Comments from the Public** – None.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- Regular Board Meeting- February 12, 2020
- Items for Next Meeting- 2020-2021 Budget

8. Adjournment

C. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. G. Cremé seconded the motion.

5-0-0 (PASSED)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Bourassa, Board Clerk