

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT 06232
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Virtual Meeting/School Cafeteria**

PRESENT: Chairperson Shannon Loudon, Chris Bernard, Gerard Cremé,
Daniel Foran, Steven Fuss, Lisa Hewett, Cynthia Murray

ADMINISTRATION: Valerie Bruneau, Superintendent
John Briody, Principal/Director of Curriculum
Holly Maiorano, Director of Special Education (absent)
Laura Edwards, Business Manager

OTHERS: Amanda Beloin, Teacher; Kirstina Frazier, Teacher; Lisa Hopkins,
Teacher; Melissa Loteczka, Teacher; Jaime Webber, Teacher;
Jennifer LaRosee, Teacher; Jennie Morrell, Teacher; Krysta
Cariboni, Teacher; Leslie Barone, Teacher; Other: Delia Foran,
Melissa Kjellquist, Erin Boris, Kelly Haggerty, Kayla Martel,
Victoria, Rosemary Crandall, Amy Knox, Deb Ivey, Paula King,
Lucie Wilson

1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Shannon Loudon.

2. Comments from the Public – None.

3. Communications – None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020:

G. Cremé made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 14, 2020. S. Fuss seconded the motion with two corrections.

[In the attendance section, change the word Parents, to Other. Change the motion for adjournment to read as follows: D. Foran made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m., S. Fuss seconded.]

7-0-0 (PASSED)

5. Opportunity to Add or Delete Agenda Items

Requested: Add Discussion of Status of Finance Department (S. Fuss).

6. Celebrations

- Thank you and congratulations to the staff for 10 weeks without a COVID case.
- Thank you to Dan Foran for suggesting to close school during the election.
- Congratulations to Sam Foran and his family for his nomination in the Kid Governor election.
- Celebration to Shannon (5 years as Chair), Gerard (5 years as Vice Chair), and Lisa (5+ years as Secretary) for the BOE.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson's Oral Report

- Status of Finance Department: The Assistant Finance Director has been hired. The Treasurer's last day is December 28.
- Non-certified contract negotiations will have first meeting on December 15, with meetings going into January.

B. Principal's Report

1. Since last Board meeting AES welcomed 6 new students.
2. Four AES students participated in Veterans' Celebration at the Andover Veterans Memorial.
3. Kid Governor for the 5th grade, elected Sam Foran to represent AES.
4. Teacher conferences were held via Zoom, almost 100% parent participation.
5. Distance Learning: Staff has been working towards the possibility of distance learning (more information in the Superintendent's report).

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Updates

Outdoor: Currently one usable space, working on a strategic plan

Snow Days: Snow days this year will be considered traditional snow days, not remote learning.

Courageous Conversations: Oct. 29 first professional development day.

Thanksgiving Remote Learning: AES has decided to go remote for the week after Thanksgiving due to COVID-19 (November 30 to December 8). AES will have under 24 students who will come into the school and remote learn from the gym. The Board thanked Valerie and John for going above and beyond for the students and families.

2. Items for Discussion & Actions

- a. Discussion – State Statue 10-186 & BOE Policy No 5118/Non-Resident Students
Tabled until December meeting.

- b. Retirement – Laura Edwards, Effective January 7, 2021

S. Louden made a motion to accept the resignation with regret of Laura Edwards, effective January 7, 2021. L. Hewett seconded the motion.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

Resignation – Chatham Mullins, Effective November 1, 2020

S. Fuss made a motion to accept the resignation of Chatham Mullins, effective November 1, 2020. G. Cremé seconded the motion.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

- c. BOE Policy No 6114/Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness
Tabled until December meeting.
- d. BOE Policy No 9110/Number of Members, Terms of Office, Oath of Office
Tabled until December meeting.
- e. BOE Policy No 9400/Self Evaluation Revisions
Discussion of presented information. C. Murray will make revisions as discussed, and final review at December meeting.
- f. BOE Policy No 3171/Non-Lapsing Account
Tabled until December meeting.
- g. Proposed Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year (Attachment)

S. Fuss made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. D. Foran seconded the motion.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

D. Enrollment Report – As presented, 181 students.

E. Health Room Report – As presented.

F. Financial Report – As presented.

8. Comments from the Public on Agenda Items – None.

9. Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session was made at 8:37 p.m. by S. Fuss. Seconded by G. Cremé.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

Executive Session ended at 9:19 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the Contract between the Andover Board of Education and the Andover Education Association for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025 by S. Fuss, seconded by D. Foran.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

10. Upcoming Meetings

Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 9, 2020

11. Adjournment

S. Fuss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. D. Foran seconded the motion.

7-0-0 (PASSED)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gretchen L. Stein
Andover BOE board clerk**