

GREENLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
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To be approved by the Greenland School Board at the March 17, 2025, meeting.

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GREENLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Monthly School Board Meeting of the Greenland School Board was held in person on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Greenland Central School in Conference Room 105.

PRESENT

School Board Members:

Talley Westerberg
Pat Walsh (Absent)
John Balboni (Absent)
Scot Hopps
Katie Curtis

SAU Central Office Staff: Stephen Zadravec, Superintendent of Schools
Susan Penny, Business Administrator
Stacey Kirby, Director of Special Education
Rebecca Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

School Administrators: Tamara Hallee, Principal

Visitors: Sarah Gouzeles, Glen Westerberg, Georgia Westerberg, GCS staff members: Stacy Gosselin, Maria Emory, and Lorie Bromley

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Westerberg called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and indicated that the meeting would begin with the recognition of visitors and public comment.

Several members of the Greenland Central School community thanked Ms. Westerberg for her six years of service to the Greenland School Board. Ms. Westerberg thanked everyone for their kind words and well wishes.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

FINANCIALS

o Approval of Manifests

On a motion by Mr. Hopps, seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Board voted to approve the manifest dated January 17, 2025, in the amount of \$381,214.49. Discussion. Vote: 3-0

On a motion by Mr. Hopps, seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Board voted to approve the manifest dated February 7, 2025, in the amount of \$410,184.25. Discussion. Vote: 3-0

Ms. Penny indicated that her report is in the drive. She highlighted the \$41,000 negative variance in the Portsmouth High School tuition line. Ms. Penny indicated that the board could take the money out of the trust fund, or see how things even out. She said there is enough money to cover the first half of the tuition payment, but the second half would need to be covered out of the tuition line should the board choose to go that route.

During the March school board meeting, the Board will be holding two public hearings. The first hearing will focus on setting the tuition rate and the second will focus on how to proceed forward with the gym repairs.

o Budget Transfer

On a motion by Mr. Hopps, seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Board voted to approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$9,145.25 Discussion. Vote: 3-0

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORTS

Superintendent

Mr. Zadravec began his report by highlighting that as indicated in policy AC, the Board is required to approve and review bi-annually the SAU 50 Anti-Discrimination Plan. This plan has been drafted and reviewed by the administrative team and is based largely on work Dave did in SAU 21. This is a required document and outlines processes to prevent and respond to any concern for discrimination. It is not intended to encompass all aspects of student programming such as assemblies, presentations and curriculum related to anti-discrimination.

Mr. Zadravec shared that Mr. Hobbs recently joined him at a meeting with the PHS administrative team a couple of weeks ago to discuss student transitions and course offerings. PHS has published the Program of Studies for 2025-2026. There is again a page on their website dedicated to the 8th - 9th grade transition here. As you know, PHS also has expanded their college level offerings. While the elimination of AP classes has been raised as a concern, it should also be noted they have expanded their Honors level offerings. We have asked for additional data on student enrollment in these offerings as well as student completion of AP exams.

Mr. Zadravec indicated that the Professional Growth Committee has planned a robust half day of PD for staff on March 11th. He shared that all buildings and the central office have stepped up to offer sessions on a wide array of topics including literacy, math, music, wellness, technology, and innovative classroom practices.

The board briefly discussed the student transition process of transitioning to Portsmouth High School.

Director of Special Education

Ms. Kirby began her report by highlighting the success of the Parent Partnership Group, which continues to meet monthly. She shared that a zoom link will be available going forward for future meetings and highlighted a list of future guest speakers:

- o March 4, 2025 - Occupational Therapy with Jodi Fletcher, Occupational Therapist, Greenland School District

- April 1, 2025 - Speech Therapy with Gina Henshaw, Speech Pathologist, Rye School District
- May 6, 2025 - Psychological Services with Jen Drew, School Psychologist, Greenland School District
- June 3, 2025 - IEP Document with Stacey Kirby, Director of Special Education

Ms. Kirby shared that the PreK program in Newington continues to grow and that CPens will be launched in all four districts. She indicated that after 60 days an evaluation will be done to see if they will continue to be useful to our students.

Principal Report

Ms. Hallee indicated that her report is in the drive. She shared that the students are busy working on some exciting updates from our recent competitions but she wanted to take a moment to share our engineering notebooks with you. These documents capture many aspects of our program and are submitted to the competition judges as one part of many for their awards considerations. Our marketing departments have truly done a spectacular job with these this year.

Ms. Hallee shared that this year, 18 students participated in the Math Counts program. We had representation from all 3 grades. 7 students competed in the official competition (Two 8th graders & Five 7th graders). There was one student who made it into the top 12, placing 11th out of 88 students. We have not yet received our individual results or team results. When that information becomes available, it will be shared with the board.

Ms. Hallee gave a special thank you to our parent facilitators of the Invention Convention, ms. Beth Hawkins and Ms. Claudia Bartolini for organizing and facilitating this impressive event. Thank you also to Mr. Weld, our 4th Grade Teachers, and families who assisted their children with the creation of inventions as a part of our annual Invention Convention. Students worked hard and developed some very impressive inventions this year! We celebrated our inventors on the evening of February 12th at the awards ceremony.

Ms. Hallee indicated that on January 2, we welcomed two new students: one in grade 5 and one in grade 8. On February 3, we welcomed one grade 6 student. We are expecting a grade 4 student to join us on May 5, moving to Greenland from Germany bringing our total enrollment to 373 students. We currently have 42 students in the process of registering for kindergarten next year.

OTHER

There was no other to share this evening.

PRELIMINARY ACTIONS/ SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Approval of Public Minutes: January 13, 2025

On a motion by Ms. Curtis, seconded by Ms. Westerberg, the Board voted to approve public minutes dated January 13, 2025, as amended. Discussion. Vote: 2-0-1

- Approval of Non-Public Minutes: January 13, 2025

On a motion by Ms. Curtis, seconded by Ms. Westerberg, the Board voted to approve non-public minutes dated January 13, 2025. Discussion. Vote: 2-0-1

Communications

Mr. Zadravec shared a thank you note from Mr. Hudson, thanking the board for their support over the last couple of months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Gym Floor Painting

On a motion by Ms. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Hopps, the Board voted to approve the spending of up to \$18,000.00 to repaint the gym floor. Discussion. Vote: 3-0.

B. Ramp Installations

Ms. Penny indicated that this project is pending weather and timing. The board briefly discussed that the ramps are both here, they just need to be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Retreat Date

The Board agreed to postpone this item to a later date when the new school board has had a chance to meet.

PERSONNEL

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

The board thanked the Administration for their support to our students during the invention convention.

POLICY

First Review: SAU 50 Anti-Discrimination Plan

Mr. Zadravec briefed the Board on the SAU 50 Anti-Discrimination Plan. He indicated this is just a first review and an approval will not need to be made until next month. Mr. Zadravec noted that the Policy Committee has reviewed and approved the plan with some minor adjustments.

FUTURE PLANNING DATES

- Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Portsmouth High School (AREA)
- Monday, March 17 2025, 6:00 PM at Greenland Central School
- Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Greenland Central School (Joint Board)
- Monday, April 21, 2025, 6:00 PM at Greenland Central School
- Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Portsmouth High School (AREA)
- Monday, May 12, 2025, 6:00 PM at Greenland Central School
- Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Maude H. Trefethen School (Joint Board)
- Monday, June 16, 2025, 6:00 PM at Greenland Central School

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Gosselin thanked Ms. Hallee for her support and celebration in honor of the Clipper Foundation grant she recently received.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3

On a motion by Mr. Hopps, seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 7:10 p.m. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: 3-0.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

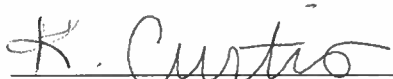
On a motion by Mr. Hopps, seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Board voted to return to public session at 7:56 p.m. Discussion. Vote: 3-0.

On a motion by Mr. Hopps, seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Board voted to seal the nonpublic minutes at 7:57 p.m. Discussion. Vote: 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Hopps, seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Discussion. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Dwyer
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
February 17, 2025



School Board Secretary



Date

