

**SAU #72
Alton School Board Meeting
Prospect Mountain High School Auditorium
242 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH 03809
August 17, 2026**

Members Present: Christi Wood, Chair
Loren Ferruccio, Secretary
Anne Pierce, Member
Carol Locke, Member

Others Present: Matt Jozokos, Superintendent
Kristen Lee, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Heidi Duford, Business Administrator
Janice Christian, Principal

Absent: Erick Bourdeau, Vice-Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Christi Wood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

Board members: Christi Wood, Chair; Loren Ferruccio, Secretary; Anne Pierce, Member; and Carol Locke, Member.

Matt Jozokos, Superintendent; Kristen Lee, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Heidi Duford, Business Administrator; and Janice Christian, Principal.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The board members and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA REVIEW:

Motion made: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Cristi Wood

Discussion: None

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

5. APPROVE MINUTES:

June 23, 2026

June 23, 2026 Non-Public

Motion made: To approve the minutes of the public and non-public sessions from June 23, 2026.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

6. PUBLIC INPUT (Agenda Items Only) - NONE

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1) School Board- None

- 2) Financial Report-** Ms. Duford noted that the June 30th summary was in the board's packets. She handed out a preliminary summary to give the board an idea of why there was a surplus. Ms. Duford noted that the auditors will be there the week of August 31st.
- Mrs. Locke asked if the Enrichment Teacher position wasn't filled due to no applicants or if they eliminated the position. Ms. Duford reassured her that the position was not eliminated as they did fill it this year by moving positions around.
- 3) Buildings & Grounds-** In packet. Ms. Wood noted all that they have been doing getting ready for the start of the school year from Mr. Evan's report.
- 4) Principal-** In packet. Ms. Christian spoke about the following from her report:
- Current enrollment is at 402.
 - August Leadership Retreat.
 - EL Reading Program Implementation.
 - 5th and 6th Grade Reorganization.
 - Counselor Office Relocation.
 - New Staff.
 - VOICE/PTSA & End 68 room moved.
 - **Back to School Event - Thursday, August 27th, from 4:00-6:00 PM.**
- 5) Technology Report-** In packet. Ms. Wood noted from Mr. Dumond's report that Mr. Dumond and Mr. Jozokos were in the paper. She also noted that they have done early onboarding, tech policy training, and the main fiber connection has been upgraded.
- 6) Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment-** Dr. Lee spoke about ACS' New Hampshire SAS results and noted that starting this year they will be at ACS doing the SAS modules to help the students see how the tests are worded and prepare the students for taking them.
- Ms. Wood asked if this would be done throughout the year or just before testing and she was advised by Ms. Christian it would be done monthly.
- Dr. Lee also spoke about the Leadership Retreat, ELA, and Win groups.
- Superintendent Jozokos clarified that the actual rollout of the ELA won't be until the 27/28 school year but that there are some that would like to start sooner. He noted that this may happen but only after there has been some training.
- 7) Superintendent-** Superintendent Jozokos spoke about the Administrative Retreat. The emphasis throughout was on clarity, consistency, collaboration, and communication. At the retreat, key areas focused on were: Building a strong leadership team, Planning for 2026-27, Developing a shared system vision and Moving from planning to action. Mr. Jozokos also spoke about Prospect Mountain Schools' Vision, the budget timeline, and a request from Pittsfield.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Student-Parent Handbook-

Motion made: To approve the student-parent handbook for the 26/27 school year.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce

Second by: Christi Wood

Discussion: Ms. Wood had a question on the grading for the K through 4 and asked if a breakdown of what a 1, 2, 3 or 4 meant could be added. Ms. Christian said she could do that.

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

2. Faculty Handbook-

Motion made: To approve the 2026-27 Faculty Handbook.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce

Second by: Christi Wood

Discussion: Mrs. Locke asked if the faculty handbook was generated somewhat with the teachers input? Ms. Christian said that it is generally done by admin.

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

3. Athletic Handbook-

Motion made: To approve the 2026-2027 athletic handbook.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Discussion: The board discussed clarifying what a passing grade is for eligibility for the elementary/middle school students since the athletic handbook is for all three schools and the grading is different.

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

4. EOP-

Motion made: To approve the EOP for 26/27.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

5. Audit Engagement Letter-

Motion made: To approve Plodzik & Sanderson as the auditors.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

6. Function Transfer-

Motion made: To approve the function transfer of \$37,302.00.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

7. Personnel-

Motion made: To approve the new math interventionist, Deborah Perlowski.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote on the motion: Passed by 4-0

9. PUBLIC INPUT: None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Interventionist to present at next meeting.

11. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3 II (a & c)-

Motion made: To go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a & c).

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Vote on the motion: Unanimous in favor 4-0

The Board entered the Non-Public Session at 6:01 PM.

- The Board discussed personnel matters.
- The board discussed student matters.

Motion made: To return to Public Session at 8:17 PM.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Vote on the motion: Unanimous in favor 4-0

Motion made: To seal the minutes of 8/17/2026 indefinitely.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Vote on the motion: Unanimous in favor 4-0

12. Next Meeting Dates:

- September 21, 2026

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: To adjourn at 6:20 PM.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce **Second by:** Christi Wood

Vote on the motion: Unanimous in favor 4-0

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sara Borelli
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Loren Ferruccio, Secretary
Non-Public Session Recorder