SAU #72
Alton School Board Meeting
Prospect Mountain High School Auditorium
242 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH 03809
April 20, 2026

Members Present:	Christi Wood, Chair
	Erick Bourdeau, Vice-Chair
	Loren Ferruccio, Secretary
	Anne Pierce, Member
Others Present:	Tim Broadrick, Superintendent
	Matt Jozokos, Assistant Superintendent
	Heidi Duford, Business Administrator
	Janice Christian, Principal
Absent:	
	Michael Folan, Member

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; and Anne Pierce, Member.

   Tim Broadrick, Superintendent; Matt Jozokos, Assistant Superintendent; Heidi Duford, Business Administrator; and Janice Christian, Principal.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **AGENDA REVIEW:**
   Motion made: To approve the agenda with the addition of school board vacancy.
   Motion made by: Anne Pierce Second by: Loren Ferruccio
   Discussion: Ms. Wood noted that there was one thing to add under informational items and it was the school board vacancy.
   Vote on the motion: Passed by 3-0

5. **APPROVE MINUTES:**
   March 16, 2026 Public and Non-Public Sessions

   Motion made: To approve the minutes of March 16, 2026 Public session and the March 16, 2026 Non-Public session sealed minutes as written.
   Motion made by: Christi Wood Second by: Loren Ferruccio
   Discussion: No further discussion.
   Vote on the motion: Passed by 2-0-1 (AP)

6. **PUBLIC INPUT (Agenda Items Only)** - NONE

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
   1) **School Board-** Ms. Wood noted that the school board received an applicant letter from Jen Collins for the School District Clerk vacancy for one year.

Motion made: To approve Jennifer Collins for School District Clerk.
Motion made by: Anne Pierce Second by: Christi Wood
Discussion: No further discussion.
Vote on the motion: Passed by 3-0

Ms. Wood also noted that the board was regretfully accepting the resignation of Michael Folan from the Alton School Board and opening up that position. Dr. Broadrick stated that we would typically post something in the community for ten days to two weeks and then forward any responses to the board for them to vote on at the next meeting.

2) **Financial Report-** Ms. Duford noted that we are looking good and there's $700,000 unencumbered at this time. Ms. Pierce didn't have any questions but said that she looked through the audit and thought that it was very positive. She wanted to thank Ms. Duford and say nice job.

3) **Buildings & Grounds-** In packet. Ms. Wood noted from the report that they are installing more sound panels and are currently working on getting all of the sports fields ready for play.

4) **Special Ed-** In packet. Ms. Wood noted that the upcoming screening dates for Kindergarten will be April 23rd and April 24th. Preschool screening is scheduled for May 13th and Child Find screening will be on May 20th. It also sounds like there's some good engaging work being done for the para's in supporting our students.

5) **Principal-** Ms. Christian thanked Foster's Tavern in Alton Bay and Loren Ferruccio for the Bingo night held to benefit the eighth grade class trip to Washington DC. She also noted that Loren Ferruccio also organized a 3v3 soccer tournament to benefit the students that needed funds for that trip.
   - 435 students are currently enrolled at Alton Central School.
   - There were some fun Easter and spring events. An Easter Egg Hunt was held for Pre-K and Kindergarten had their annual breakfast. The rest of the year is packed with activities to come. The students did coin wars, they're doing ice cream Fridays, and they did a spring dance for fifth, sixth and seventh grades.
   - We've done a lot with academic alignment and vertical planning.
   - Ms. Christian wanted to thank the staff and faculty at ACS for their continuous commitment and improvement for professional growth with their professional development.

6) **Technology Report-** In packet. Ms. Wood noted from the report that they have purchased new audio equipment for the board meetings. They've been working with the library media specialists along with Derek Pappaceno about tech skills vertical alignment. They also conducted a session at the April 1st NHSAA conference in Concord.

7) **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment-**
   - **Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH)-** Mr. Jozokos said that Capturing Kid's Hearts is a comprehensive, research-based approach to strengthening school culture and improving student outcomes through intentional relationship-building. It's not just a one and done but a continuing commitment with ongoing professional

development and on campus training for all faculty both with Capturing Kid's Hearts and within our own system. Mr. Jozokos also noted that another school within New Hampshire, Newport, started this process and within the first quarter they saw a decrease of 166 incidences with the tier I approach. Two of the teachers that had attended the flagship training also got up and spoke about the positive experiences they had at the training.

- **Literacy Committee-** The Literacy Committee met on April 9th. They are continuing to pilot and finalizing for those who weren't piloting along with continuing the deep dive into the programs that were selected. They are also working with area schools for site visits after the break.
- **Vertical Alignment-** Mr. Jozokos noted that when he has gone into one of the vertical alignment sessions, he has seen people connecting and heard them having rich conversations. He also noted that the feedback has been positive. He wanted to thank everyone for their commitment and also the Prospect Mountain teachers for facilitating those days.
- **April 10th PD Day-** Mr. Jozokos said at the PD Day, they continued work on quality assessments and looking at rubrics. He noted that everyone broke up into triads with K-12 working together along with case managers working with regular education teachers. Mr. Jozokos said that he saw nothing but positive coming out of it. He also mentioned that they went over report card standards and looked at scope and sequence. He noted that they also did some stuff with Star &Freckle, which is a component of Star that helps teachers with interventions.

8) Superintendent- Dr. Broadrick noted that he usually talks about the last day of school for the year in April but asked not to due to the capturing kid's hearts training that Mr. Jozokos just spoke about. He also said that they will be discussing the high school situation at the JMA school board meeting Tuesday and that they will connect and they're going to have to finalize them at least.

8. <u>ACTION ITEMS:</u>

1. **Grade 6 Field Trip to Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA-**
   Motion made: To approve the sixth grade field trip to the Peabody Essex Museum on June fifth.
   Motion made by: Anne Pierce Second by: Christi Wood
   Discussion: No further discussion.
   Vote on the motion: Passed by 3-0

2. **FY 26-27 School Calendar-**
   Motion made: To approve the calendar for 26-27.
   Motion made by: Anne Pierce Second by: Christi Wood
   Discussion: Ms. Wood stated that she would like the first day of school to be on Monday, August 31st instead of Friday, August 28th.

   Motion made: To move the first day of school from the 28th of August to the 31st of August.
   Motion made by: Christi Wood Second by: Anne Pierce

Discussion: Ms. Ferruccio pointed out the correction of year on the dates in the informational key. Ms. Ferruccio also mentioned the last day of school for eight graders and would that change the close date of grades? Ms. Wood suggested putting that date in the informational key.
Vote on the motion: Passed by 3-0

3. **Policies-**
   a. **JLCC- Head Lice/Pediculosis**

Motion made: To adopt the first reading for policy JLCC.
Motion made by: Christi Wood Second by: Anne Pierce
Discussion: No further discussion.
Vote on the motion: Passed by 3-0

4. **Personnel-**

Motion made: To approve the outgoing for two teachers on the last day of 6/30/2026.
Motion made by: Anne Pierce Second by: Christi Wood
Discussion: No further discussion.
Vote on the motion: Passed by 3-0

9. **PUBLIC INPUT:**

- Richard Shea stated that he is disappointed but not surprised that we're losing our all-star superintendent and that he hopes that the board puts forth every effort to find a suitable replacement. He would like them to do as much reference checking as possible. Mr. Shea also used his time to beg to get the town budget passed. He noted that in many towns, the town select board/council and the board of education (school) don't see eye to eye. The council thinks the school spends too much and the school thinks the council doesn't support education. Alton seems to have an advantage as we don't have this problem in part to good communication and public understanding. Lastly he asked about the student standings and if it has improved.
  - Dr. Broadrick responded that New Hampshire SAS testing takes place the week after next and that is the next chance to get that data. He noted that Alton has been using the STAR assessment that Mr. Jozokos talks about frequently. This assessment is used three times a year. The faculty has also been extremely engaged over the last couple of years in working with us to improve student achievement rates.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

11. **Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3 II (a & c) and RSA 91-A:2 I (a)**

Motion made: To enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a & c) and RSA 91-A:2 I (a)
Motion made by: Christie Wood Second by: Anne Pierce
Vote on the motion: Unanimous in favor 3-0

The Board entered the Non-Public Session at 6:05 PM.

- The Board discussed personnel matters.

Motion made: To return to Public Session at 6:20 PM.

Motion made by: Anne Pierce Second by: Christi Wood
Vote on the motion: Unanimous in favor 3-0

12. <u>Next Meeting Dates:</u>

- May 18, 2026

13. <u>Adjournment:</u>

Motion made:To adjourn at 6:22 PM.
Motion made by: Anne Pierce Second by: Christi Wood
Vote on the motion: Unanimous in favor 3-0

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sara Borelli
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent